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US sends message of regret to Tehran

Iran seeks United Nations action

WASHINGTON, July 5, (Agencies): The United States sent a message to Iran today expressing its "deep regret" over the downing of an Iranian airliner while Tehran called for an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the incident.

All 290 people on board the Iran Air Airbus were killed when it was shot down in the Gulf on Sunday by a missile fired by the US cruiser Vincennes.

Reagan's message said the United States did not deliberately target the aircraft and called the victims of the disaster "the latest innocent victims of a conflict that should have ended long ago," spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Fitzwater said there had been no response from Iran.

Asked if the message could be construed as an apology — a move that House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright suggested would be appropriate — Fitzwater said: "I won't characterize it."

He said he had not previously announced the message because he was unaware of it until now.

Fitzwater, who was peppered with questions at his first news briefing since the incident occurred, repeatedly sidestepped the issue of possible US compensation for the victim's families.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he hoped the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), a UN body, could carry out an inquiry on the spot.

ICAO said it is considering an Iranian request for an emergency debate on the disaster.

Iran lodged a formal protest to the UN accusing America of "massacring passengers in cold blood."

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in a letter to the world body that Iran expects the United Nations, particularly Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the Security Council, "to condemn this barbaric massacre of innocent civilian passengers and take immediate measures to prevent

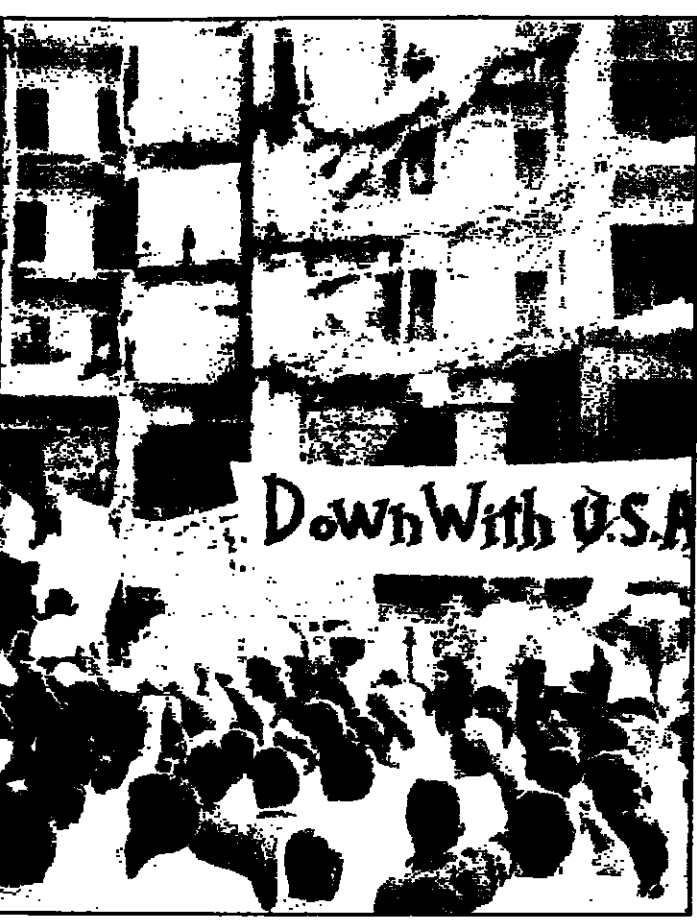
further occurrence of such carnage."

Velayati's letter distributed today, said: "This is only possible through compelling the United States to remove its expansionist naval forces from the Gulf."

It said Perez de Cuellar immediately should mobilise relevant international bodies and conduct an on-site investigation "on the extent of this latest American atrocity."

"This undoubtedly premeditated act of aggression by the United States against the civilian airliner is in clear violation of all international rules and principles," the letter said, "and seriously threatens civilian aviation in the region."

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Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants demonstrate in front of the bombed out American embassy in West Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

Airbus was probably climbing when hit

DUBAI, July 5, (Reuters): Gulf aviation experts today challenged Washington statements that the Iran Air plane shot down by the US Navy was descending towards the cruiser Vincennes.

They said the Iran Air Airbus A-300 hit by at least one American missile on Sunday was probably climbing when it was attacked.

Washington said Iran Air Flight 655 was flying down towards the cruiser when the vessel fired two missiles at it on Sunday, mistaking it for an attacking F-14 fighter.

But the experts said the airliner's position over the Strait of Hormuz near Iran's Qeshm Island and the fact it was only eight minutes into its flight made it highly likely the Airbus was climbing.

It said the frigate's radar had not reliably identified the position or the course of the plane.

A Naval Ministry spokesman said yesterday that officers monitoring radar screens on the Esperanto said the airliner "appeared to be slightly outside the space reserved for commercial traffic."

Logical

"I think it was climbing into its flight path ... there is no logical reason for it to have been descending," a Gulf-based airline official said.

Iran said the airliner had reached a height of 7,500 feet after taking off from Iran's Bandar Abbas airport. It had told Tehran air traffic control it was climbing to 14,000 feet for the half-hour flight to Dubai when contact was lost, Iran added.

"That would seem a reasonable height for an aircraft of this type to be at eight minutes after takeoff," an air industry source familiar with the Airbus said.

"A lot would depend on its weight and how much fuel it had on board. Although the flight from Bandar Abbas to Dubai is short, the pilot would not have started his descent," he added.

"If it could be proved that the aircraft was still climbing it would be even more difficult for the Americans to explain why they shot it down," said the source.

Investigators

US investigators, headed by Admiral William Fogarty, flew to Bahrain to report on how the Vincennes, one of the world's most sophisticated warships, mistook the Iran Air Airbus for an F-14 fighter.

In Washington, defence analysts said that commanders of American warships in the Gulf are working in a crowded war zone with rules of engagement that put them under a severe strain in deciding when to open fire, defence analysts said today.

These rules, revised after the May 1987 attack on the US frigate Stark by an Iraqi jet, were in use on Sunday when the US cruiser Vincennes shot down an Iranian jetliner.

Denied

The Washington Post said the report from the Vincennes that the plane was heading down towards it was contradicted by an after-action report from another US ship which said the plane was climbing.

A spokesman for Airbus Industrie, in Toulouse, France, where the Airbus is made said it would be abnormal for the plane to be descending so soon into its flight.

In Rome, meanwhile, the Italian Navy today denied that an Italian frigate in the Gulf had clearly identified the position of the Iranian plane before it was shot down.

Conditions

Admiral William Crowe, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, likened the Gulf to a "lake" on Sunday in describing the crowded conditions in the waterway, where dozens of ships are protecting international tankers and trying to prevent the Iranians from sowing mines.

Crowe said the rules of engagement allow commanders "sufficient latitude to protect their people and equipment when hostile intent was manifested. They do not have to be shot at before responding."

The commander of the Vincennes, Capt. Will C. Rogers III, is convinced he followed the rules of engagement, Defence Department sources say.

Rogers sent a four-page message up the chain of command to Crowe saying that, if anything, he waited too long to fire at the airliner and would repeat his decision if faced again with the same situation.

But he said the order to fire the missile was a burden which he will carry for the rest of his life.

Regret

Fitzwater said the message, which was delivered through the Swiss embassy in Tehran, "indicated that first of all, that the United States expresses its deep regret to the government of Iran over the tragic loss of life."

"The statement noted the heightened state of tension which prevailed in the area. It noted the fact that there was no intention to target a civilian aircraft," he added.

"It indicated that the United States had made repeated efforts to contact the aircraft and finally, it expressed our view that the victims of this incident were the latest innocent victims of a conflict that should have ended long ago."

Reparations

He said the investigation of the attack must be completed before the questions of compensation is addressed.

Wright predicted that Congress would authorise money for reparations. "If that would assuage the grief of the other aggrieved party, surely we could do that," he told the BBC in London. Congress would support that if it were requested.

Wright is visiting Britain at present.

Reagan, reporting on the attack to Congress, described it as regrettable but said the Vincennes had acted in self-defence in using ship-to-air missiles, thinking itself under attack by a fighter jet. He said the incident was closed.

US Defence Department said today the Iranian airliner was transmitting information on two radio channels including one that had previously been used for military information.

Anti-US demonstrations held in different places

Renewed calls for an end to Gulf war

BAHRAIN, July 5, (Agencies): Gulf states expressed their condolences to Iran at the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus and renewed calls for an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates issued similarly worded statements over their national news agencies today.

Kuwait and Bahrain issued similar statements yesterday.

Oman said it had sent a cable of condolences to Iranian President Hajjotolestan Ali Khamenei.

"The kingdom, as it expresses its consolation to the families of the victims of this accident, looks for a rapid end to this destructive war between two Muslim countries, Iraq and Iran," the Saudi Press Agency quoted an official source as saying.

SPA earlier reported that King Fahd told a cabinet meeting last night the kingdom must be ready to deal with any sudden events.

SPA quoted Information Minister Ali Hassan Shaer as saying the King spoke of "complications that might arise which

would require more alertness and care and complete preparedness to confront any sudden event."

Pope John Paul II said in a message to Iran today he is "deeply saddened by the tragedy" and hopes that action is taken to prevent another such accident.

The Arab League ambassador in Washington said US compensation to the victims of the incident would ease Iran's outrage.

Clovis Maksoud said the tragedy should be an incentive to redouble efforts to end the Gulf war in keeping with a UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire and withdrawal to pre-war positions.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today told Parliament that US warships have a right to defend themselves in the Gulf.

Thatcher said amid growing jeers from opposition benches: "You cannot put navies into the Gulf to defend shipping from attack by either of the sides to the conflict without giving them the right to defend themselves. No

one could do that."

South Korea expressed profound regret at the loss of the Iranian airliner but refrained from apportioning blame.

In September 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Airlines Boeing 747 was destroyed by Soviet fighters after it strayed over sensitive Soviet Far East installations.

President Kurt Waldheim of Austria said the incident was regrettable and described US policy in the area as dangerous because it can result in retribution.

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed told parliament tonight: "We are all very shocked at this painful incident."

Earlier, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Bangladesh deplored with deep shock the downing of the plane.

Demonstrations were held in different places in the world. About 2,000 pro-Iranian militants demanding revenge marched through Beirut today in the second demonstration in two days.

"Tell America, from Lebanon to the Gulf, Hezbollah is coming to avenge," chanted the demonstrators, members of the Shi'ite Muslim group believed to be holding 18 Western hostages in Beirut.

In Los Angeles, about 200 people, most of them Iranians, demonstrated to express outrage over the incident.

In Toronto, police clashed with demonstrators as up to 700 people, many from an international anarchists' convention, marched through the downtown to protest the US destruction of the airliner.

A joint demonstration by various political parties was held in New Delhi to deplore the incident.

Iranian diplomats in the Philippines, China and France held press conferences warning that the US will pay for Sunday's incident, and Iranian President Hajjotolestan Ali Khamenei sent individual messages to world leaders claiming Iran's "undeniable right" to avenge the blood of its people.

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Discuss

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Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 20 per cent

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Mourners chant 'Death to America'

DUBAI, July 5, (AP): Relatives and friends of victims of the Iran Air jetliner downed by US missiles mourned their loss with prayers and chants of "Death to America" in this southern Gulf emirate yesterday.

Some family members were still huddled in grief at the Dubai international airport, waiting for final word on the loved ones who they had been expecting the previous day.

Black bunting was spread all over the Iranian consulate in this bustling port city as well as the Iranian hospitals, the mosques and some business establishments.

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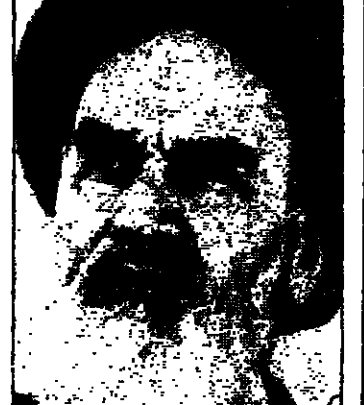
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Khomeini obsessively punctual

NICOSIA, July 5, (AP): Ayatollah Khomeini reads the Holy Quran, seven times a day, takes the radio with him to the bathroom and is very punctual, his daughter Zahra says.

"His self-discipline is unbelievable. You wouldn't believe it unless you saw it for yourself."

Khomeini's daughter described the home life of Iran's revolutionary patriarch in a recent talk to pupils at Roshd High School in Tehran. Her comments appeared in the magazine of Iran's Islamic Revolution Martyr Foundation, and were reprinted in an unofficial English-language newsletter received in Nicosia recently.

The daughter, whose married name is Mostafavi, made no mention of Khomeini's health, which has been reported to be deteriorating. Khomeini, 87, has been ailing since a heart attack two years ago, and appears frail when he is shown on Iran's state-run television, monitored in Nicosia.

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KUWAIT will not send diplomats to Tehran before receiving compensation from Iran for damage to its embassy during protests last August, Kuwaiti officials said in remarks published yesterday.

The embassy was stormed by Iranian militants in protest at the deaths in Makkah of more than 400 Iranian pilgrims in clashes with Saudi security forces in July last year. Kuwait's two diplomats in Tehran were recalled.

Iran's Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait, Mohammed Hussein Foroughi, said on Monday the embassy was now open and staffed by a local employee. He said Iran had granted visas for two Kuwaiti diplomats to go to Tehran.

But unnamed Foreign Ministry officials quoted by some local newspapers denied that local employees were working and said the embassy still needed repairs. They said Iran had not yet responded to a request for compensation.

Kuwaiti-Iranian ties have been strained by Kuwait's support for Iraq in the Gulf war. Kuwait told five Iranian diplomats to leave last September after accusing Iran of firing missiles at its shores.

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Curiosity

Reagan said the one question he did not get to ask during the Moscow summit was whether Gorbachev believes in God.

"I had that curiosity for a time because I was so surprised at his use of the name God. And I couldn't figure how I could really get into a one-on-one conversation with him, knowing where atheism stands in their country."

The President said he never got the opportunity to ask, but a Soviet interpreter said that Gorbachev's usage of God was "commonplace. It was just a form of expression: God with a small g."

Asked if one has to believe in God in order to be an ethical person, Reagan said, "I don't know how people who don't believe set their rules of conduct."

"I'm sure there are people who are atheists who, at the same time, abide by the general rules of conduct that we all believe in."

DAY BY DAY

FROM all indications, Iran has certainly taken leave of its senses.

On one hand, it threatens the USA and the Soviet Union, on the other declares Kuwait's embassy in Tehran open and calls on Kuwait to send its diplomats — without considering that Kuwait is an independent country and not an Iranian province. Undoubtedly schizophrenic behaviour.

Who said that Kuwait would send diplomats without prior fulfillment of its conditions? We greatly appreciate and thank the Kuwaiti official spokesman who yesterday replied to this Iranian madness.

Zahed Matar

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Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, named last month as acting commander of Iran's Armed Forces, said Washington hoped for a clumsy move to divert attention from the downing of the airliner on Sunday with the loss of 290 lives.

"We do not permit ourselves to give up revenge. But the timing is up to us, not America," Tehran Radio quoted him as telling Parliament, where he is also Speaker.

Tragedy

Rafsanjani's statement in Tehran, meanwhile, indicated a split among Iran's leaders over retaliation for the tragedy.

Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, the designated successor to spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, said the time was ripe for attacks against US interests around the world.

But Montazeri appeared to have received a rebuff from Khomeini himself, who said he should support Rafsanjani — although Khomeini also called for all-out war against the United States and its allies.

Hostages

Reagan said he took Iranian threats of retaliation seriously.

In Beirut, a man purporting to speak for Islamic Jihad claimed today the pro-Iranian faction will kill one of two American

hostages it is holding at 8 pm (1700 GMT) and dump the body in a Syrian-policed neighbourhood of West Beirut.

But the deadline passed and no corpse was found in the seaside Ramlet Al Baida neighbourhood, where the anonymous caller said the body will be left.

The caller told the Voice of the Nation Radio station one of the two Americans, Terry Anderson, a journalist, and Thomas Sutherland, an educator, will be "executed" to avenge the downing of the Iran Air plane by the US Navy in the Gulf on Sunday.

Iran said it would hold memorial services in Tehran today and tomorrow for the Air-bus victims — including 66 children — as search teams pulled more naked, mutilated bodies from the Gulf waters. About 200 have been found so far.

The officer in charge of the search said the exploding missile from the Vincennes had scattered bodies and wreckage in a radius of up to eight km.

He said divers were looking for wreckage and the remains of the missile in water about 34 metres (110 feet) deep.

Both the United States and Iran have put their embassies on alert. Iran's Ambassador in Bonn, Mehdi Ahari Mostafavi said Iranian diplomats in NATO states had been warned of possible US attacks.

Soviet party silent on president's power

MOSCOW, July 5. (AP): The Communist Party conference approved Mikhail Gorbachev's call for an overhaul of the legislative apparatus but was silent on his proposal for a strong presidency, according to texts of conference resolutions published today.

In his speech last week opening the national conference, Gorbachev said, "the president of the USSR Supreme Soviet should be granted sufficiently broad state authority powers."

Authority

"Specifically, the President could exercise overall guidance in the drafting of legislation and of major socio-economic programmes, decide on the key issues of foreign policy, defence and national security, chair the defence council" and name the prime minister of the Council of Ministers.

That would have made the presidency, now a largely ceremonial post, the focus of Soviet power. Most authority now rests with the party general secretary — a post now held by

Gorbachev — and the ruling Politburo, a small body of top Communist Party leaders.

The resolutions adopted by the 5,000 delegates, as published today by Tass were silent on the question of presidential authority.

The resolution on political reform did endorse creation of a new elective body, to be known as the congress of people's deputies, which would meet annually to set general policy and elect members of a smaller, full-time legislative council, the Supreme Soviet. The Supreme Soviet now has 1,500 members who meet twice a year to give rubber-stamp approval to party policy.

Duties

It also would limit officials to two five-year terms in the same party or government office, eliminating the common practice of what amounts to lifetime tenure for many officials.

But the resolution said nothing about the duties of the presidency, noting only that the congress would "elect by secret

ballot the president of the Supreme Soviet."

It was not immediately clear whether the 13-member Politburo had moved to block Gorbachev's plan.

Andrei Gromyko, the long-time Soviet Foreign Minister and Politburo member, was elevated to the presidency of the Supreme Soviet by Gorbachev, but he performs the largely ceremonial functions of head of state, while Gorbachev wields power as head of the Politburo and the defence council.

A senior party spokesman told reporters Friday night, just after the conference ended, that delegates had approved the general secretary's proposal when they adopted seven resolutions in the final hours of the four-day session, which Gorbachev had called to review his national reform programme.

The spokesman, central committee secretary Alexander Lukyanov, said the party meeting, the first in 47 years, had agreed to the proposal to give the powers Gorbachev requested to the President.

Runcie opposes women priesthood

LONDON, July 5. (AP): The Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, today opposed draft legislation to admit women to the Church of England's priesthood, saying the timing was wrong and would split the church.

He said that although he favoured the principle of women priests, he believed the terms of the proposal would cause "a kind of legislative schism."

He said he believed theological arguments "now tip the balance in favour" of women priests, but added that the way the draft legislation was worded, "it would not serve the cause of women's ordination or the spiritual health of the church."

Dr Runcie's speech to the policy-making general synod of 574 bishops, clergy and laity drew loud applause and was seen likely to bring about the rejection

of the proposals.

He said that having studied the proposals, "I must confess to feeling dispondent on reading this judicial machinery for the separation of the proponents and antagonists."

He was referring to proposed rules which would allow parishes and dioceses to refuse to be ministered to by women priests.

The Archbishop, spiritual head of the Anglican Church and leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans including 3 million US Episcopalians, warned: "Schisms once made are difficult to heal."

Earlier, law lecturer David McClean, in moving the proposals, said: "The idea of women priests is not going to go away — there is nothing in the experience of the Anglican communion to support any such notion."

Bush may be a more royal US President

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): US Vice-President George Bush is British Queen Elizabeth's 13th cousin twice removed and if elected to the White House, will become the most royal president in American history, an expert said.

Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of "Burke's Peerage," Britain's guide to the nobility, said royal blood from kings of England back to Henry III flows in the Republican contender's veins.

"Most great American presidents were of royal descent but none was as royal as George Bush," Brooks-Baker said, naming George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Roosevelt.

Burke's senior genealogist and an American colleague traced Bush's pedigree back to the 15th century.



● Fireworks explode over Washington's monument as Americans celebrated their Independence Day. (Reuters wirephoto)

Greece vows to push for Cyprus solution

STRASBOURG, July 5. (Reuters): Greece pledged today to use its presidency of the European Economic Community to push for the reunification of Cyprus, divided since Turkey invaded the northern part of the island 14 years ago.

"Europe ... has repeatedly emphasised its interest in this question," Greece said. "Unfortunately, however, the situation in Cyprus has remained unchanged for the last 14 years."

Greek Foreign Minister Constantinos Papoulias told the European Parliament.

"The (Greek) presidency aims to seek untiringly a solution to the Cypriot problem which will be based on the unity, independence and territorial integrity of the island," he added.

Greek took over the EEC's rotating six-month presidency from West Germany last week.

In an apparent reference to Turkey's application to join the

EEC, Papoulias ruled out any talk of adding new members to the 12-nation bloc. "In the immediate future there should be no discussion of, or action on, any further enlargement of the community," he said.

Analysts also predict a freeze on efforts to improve relations between Turkey and the EEC during the six months of the Greek presidency.

Greece has been the strongest opponent to Turkey's application, made last year, although other member states have also expressed strong reservations.

In a speech outlining Greece's plans for the next six months, Papoulias repeated his country's pledge to push for a European "single social space."

The term is becoming the new catchphrase behind attempts to ensure that ordinary people as well as businesses reap the benefits of the "single market," free of trade barriers, planned for 1992.

Papoulias also repeated Greece's intentions to develop an EEC foreign policy and to improve links between the EEC and the Soviet-led trade bloc Comecon, following the declaration of mutual recognition signed last month.

"The (joint declaration) ... marks the start of a new phase in the development of the community's external relations with that group of countries, which are geographically and culturally part of Europe," he said.

Khomeini obsessively punctual

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Zahra, 49, painted a portrait of a loving, if demanding, father, that clashes with his public image of the "idol smasher," as his followers call him. Khomeini is often portrayed in official photographs as stern and unsmiling.

She said Khomeini observes a strict schedule at his home in the north Tehran suburb of Jamaran and becomes so engrossed in his studies of the Holy Quran or affairs of state that he sometimes doesn't talk for hours.

"He's so punctual that if he doesn't turn up for lunch at exactly 1:20 pm everyone gets worried," she said. "He regulates his day in such a way that he turns up for lunch at exactly that time."

She said: "To him, such things as 'I sleep whenever I like' or 'I feel like going to sleep' are meaningless. He eats exactly on time. He wakes up exactly on time. He goes to bed exactly on time."

Mrs Mostafavi noted: "He goes walking three times a day, each time for exactly 20 minutes. When he gets back, he looks at his watch to see if it's been 20 minutes."

Activity

"If it's not, he turns around and takes a few more steps just to make everything complete."

She said that Khomeini, engrossed in some activity or other, sometimes will not even talk to her when she goes into his study.

"Just because I'm his daughter doesn't mean that we have a conversation each time," she said. "I go into the room and say hello and just sit there because he's either listening to the radio or watching television or reading letters and reports."

"Even in the bathroom, he has the radio with him."

She said Khomeini's income includes "a'aroufi," or personal gifts from well-wishers and admirers to show their respect for his religious standing. Mrs Mostafavi said her father's income "is a lot. He usually has received a lot of gold ... but he spends moderately ... he leads a simple life."

Prayer

"He reads the Holy Quran seven times a day at special times. There are also prayer books he reads and he doesn't care who's there."

Zahra is one of Khomeini's three daughters. His son Ahmed, 48, is one of his closest advisers and carefully screens the hundreds of people who visit Khomeini every day.

Diplomats who have been based in Tehran said Ahmed only allows two or three people to see his father every day, usually at breakfast and lunch so as not to tire him.

Khomeini married Khanom Batool Saqqafi in the holy city of Qom when he was a 29-year-old theology student and she was a teenager.

Fresh probe demanded

NEW DELHI, July 5. (Reuters): Top opposition leaders met Indian President Ramaswamy Venkataraman today to demand a new probe into charges that Swedish arms manufacturer Bofors paid huge commissions to clinch a \$1.3 billion deal.

An all-party delegation of more than 20 MPs said in a memorandum to Venkataraman that a fresh and impartial inquiry was needed after recent reports in the Hindu newspaper.

In recent weeks the Madras-based newspaper has reproduced documents which it said proved commissions were paid to secure the deal for the supply of 155 mm Howitzers.

Bus crash

NEW DELHI, July 5. (AP): At least 25 people were killed and 38 injured when a bus skidded off the highway in eastern Bihar state and fell into a ravine, the United News of India said today.

The news agency said the accident occurred yesterday near the village of Dev Markandey, 770 kilometres (447 miles) south-east of New Delhi.

Sedki in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, July 5. (AP): Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki, heading a high-level delegation, arrived in Baghdad today for talks on bilateral relations and the Gulf war with Iraqi leaders, the official Iraqi news agency reported.

Sedki, it said, is carrying a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the agency said.

Party congress

TAIPEI, July 5. (UPI): The Nationalist Party, which has held power without interruption since the Chinese revolution nearly four decades ago, opens its 13th congress tomorrow amid continuing pressure for native Taiwanese majority rule.

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Five die as trains collide in Bombay

NEW DELHI, July 5 (UPI): An express commuter train rammed another crowded train in the western port city of Bombay, killing five people and injuring 100, a railroad official said today.

The accident occurred last night when the Siddheshwar Express train rammed into the rear of the stationary Minar Express soon after it had left Bombay's main Victoria terminus, the official said.

The Siddheshwar Express hit the stationary train with such force that the three rear cars were thrown off the tracks and badly twisted, killing five people and injuring 100, the official said.

The Press Trust of India news agency in a dispatch from Bombay, said the impact was so severe that one car of the Minar Express telescoped into the locomotive of the other train.

It quoted a railroad official as saying the accident could be due to signal failure.

He said the south-bound Minar Express had departed from Victoria terminus but halted between Byculla and Chinchpokli stations when its alarm chain was pulled. There was no elaboration.

Rescue workers, firefighters and police searched the wreckage for victims and brought the injured to city hospitals.

The news agency said the accident had disrupted the running of long-distance trains from Bombay.

Rajiv to visit Turkey

ANKARA, July 5 (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will make an official visit to Turkey this month, the first such trip since Pandit Nehru came to Ankara 28 years ago, Indian Embassy officials said today.

Rajiv will meet President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal between July 17 and 20. Ozal visited India in April 1986.

"Relations have been on the move," improving qualitatively since Ozal's visit. Ties are friendly and getting friendlier," an embassy spokesman said.

Trade has improved steadily since Ozal went to India.

Turkey's exports, mainly food, totalled \$69 million in 1987. Imports of machinery and other items totalled \$39 million. This compares with \$21.6 million exports and \$6.2 million imports in 1985 and \$44.9 million and \$29.2 million respectively in 1986.

Two days after Nehru returned home after his 1960 visit, the Army seized power in Turkey in the first of three military interventions in 20 years.

Communists avenge lawyer's killing

Policemen shot dead in Manila

MANILA, July 5 (UPI): Suspected communist rebels today shot and killed two policemen at a busy intersection in downtown Manila, two days after urban guerrillas vowed to avenge rising violence against prominent leftists.

Police, meanwhile, raided today a suburban shantytown and arrested 24 rebels after residents, burdened with paying "revolutionary taxes," tipped off the authorities.

Four unidentified gunmen approached a patrol car that stopped at a traffic light three blocks from the Manila police headquarters and opened fire with machine pistols, police said.

Egyptian premier in Baghdad

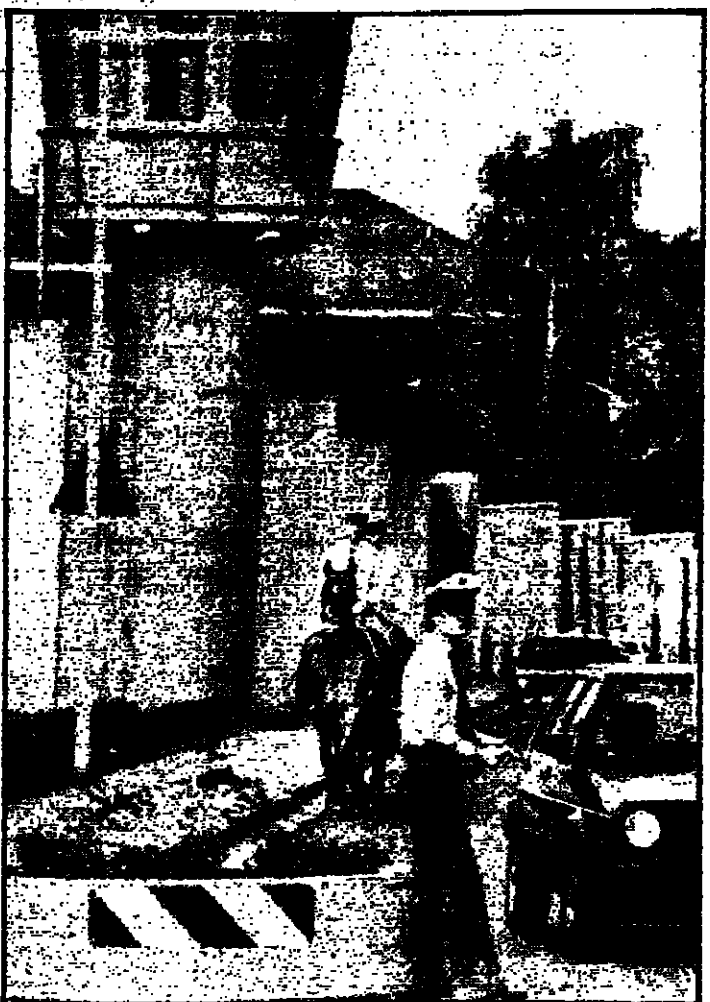
CAIRO, July 5 (Reuters): Egypt, a strong backer of Iraq in its war with Iran, today sent a high level delegation to Baghdad for talks on promoting security and economic relations.

Delegation leader Prime Minister Atef Sedki, carrying a handwritten letter from President Hosni Mubarak to President Saddam Hussein, said the meetings were designed to boost relations between the two Arab allies in several fields.

Egypt supplies Iraq with large quantities of ammunition, small arms and some training planes. Annual sales figures are secret, but are estimated by Western defence experts at several hundred million dollars.

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Policemen guard the Frankfurt prison complex where Hamadi went on trial. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hamadi goes on trial amid tight security

FRANKFURT, July 5 (Reuters): Radical Lebanese Muslim Mohammed Ali Hamadi appeared in a top-security court today charged with air piracy and murder in the June 1985 hijacking of a US airliner to Beirut.

The diminutive Hamadi, clean shaven with a neat medium-length haircut, was led into the courtroom in Frankfurt's Preungelsheim jail where he has spent the last 19 months since his arrest at Frankfurt airport in January 1987.

Hamadi is charged with involvement in the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight from Athens to Beirut in which US Navy diver Robert Stethem was shot dead at point-blank range and his body dumped onto the airport runway.

Police with machine-guns guarded the specially-built courtroom, erected at a cost of 12 million marks (\$7 million).

Journalists and members of the public entering the court were body-searched and had their bags run through metal detectors. The court was shielded from the public gallery by a bullet-proof glass partition.

Hamadi sat behind a fibreglass panel to protect him from possible assault from the witnesses.

Much of the morning's proceedings were taken up with

wrangling over a court-appointed translator, whom the defence objected to, saying he had taken part in Hamadi's questioning in prison by investigators from the federal crime office.

The court rejected the motion. Heiner Mueckenberger, heading a panel of eight judges, asked Hamadi to identify himself, to which the defendant replied in accented German: "I am Mohamed Ali Hamadi, but the main thing here is the question of the translator."

The trial recessed three times during the first session, the last pause taken after Hamadi complained of headaches.

Hamadi, a member of an influential Shi'ite Muslim family, was dressed in a green shirt without a tie and in blue jeans. He seemed relaxed, smiling at times and often consulting with his lawyers.

His behaviour was in stark contrast to a brief appearance as a witness at the trial in Duesseldorf earlier in the year of his brother, Abbas Ali Hamadi. He then had a long beard, appeared sullen, shouted at the judge and gave a defiant clenched-fist salute.

Among those attending the opening session of the trial, which is expected to last many months, were Richard and Patricia Stethem, parents of the murdered passenger.

Moscow offers amnesty to Afghan war deserters

MOSCOW, July 5 (UPI): The Soviet Union has declared an unconditional amnesty for soldiers who deserted to the West during the Afghan war and promised not to prosecute any prisoners of war who may have committed crimes damaging to the state while in captivity.

Prosecutor-general Alexander Sukharev told a news conference the state was concerned about the fate of 312 Soviet servicemen who are officially missing-in-action in Afghanistan.

Sukharev said one-third of those 312 are dead and the rest are in captivity, most of them in Pakistan. According to official figures announced earlier this year 311 servicemen were missing and it appears another has been captured since the announcement was made two months ago.

Sukharev said "several dozens" of Soviet prisoners of war are in the United States and "little less than that" in Canada. He said several more have settled in European countries.

Treatment

Soviet officials have said many Soviet servicemen are being told by their captors that if they return home they will be prosecuted as traitors, similar to the treatment received by Soviet World War II PoWs under Stalin. Tens of thousands captured by the Nazis were branded as traitors and were executed or sent to labour camps when they returned home.

Sukharev said the rumours that Soviet prisoners of war were being tried for treason on returning home stemmed from the case of private Nikolai Ryzhkov. He said Ryzhkov who received

an unknown sentence in 1985 on his return from captivity "had been convicted not for being taken prisoner but for high treason" for giving Army secrets to his captors.

He said Ryzhkov has been pardoned under the amnesty.

Sukharev said now that the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan has begun it was time to get all Soviet servicemen to return home.

Attacks

Meanwhile, Afghan guerrillas are massing west of Kabul and have warned the local population to leave because of impending attacks on government military installations.

Pakistan-based Western diplomats quoted reports of a large but unspecified number of mujahideen having moved into the Paghman area to attack the

headquarters of the Afghan 8th Division close to Kabul.

Guerrilla forces trying to topple the Soviet-backed government of President Najibullah are increasing pressure around the Afghan capital, they said, but the city itself was relatively quiet in the past week.

Diplomats were unable to confirm statements by guerrilla groups that they had captured Muhammad Agha, a town 35 km south of Kabul, and had cut an important road.

Guerrilla groups based in the Pakistan city of Peshawar said the town fell on July 1 after fierce fighting. They said they had captured large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Muhammad Agha straddles a main road linking Kabul to Gardez in southern province of Paktia.

Cure for snoring

TOKYO, July 5 (KUNA): One of the Japanese pharmaceutical companies announced here today that it has introduced in the market a new instrument that helps prevent the bad breath, and a medicine to reduce the snoring.

The instrument called "Abbi Ikiki" changes the breath and classifies it to four degrees such as good, fair, not good and bad. The Japanese inventor of the equipment, the first in the world, advises the use of special mouth wash and teeth cleanser.

The equipment costs about \$111.

ASEAN endorses Kampuchea peace talks

BANGKOK, July 5 (UPI): South-East Asian foreign ministers ended their 21st annual meeting today with a strong endorsement of upcoming Kampuchea peace talks, but insisted an embargo on aid to Vietnam continue until a settlement is reached in the nearly decade-old conflict.

The ministers of the six-nation Association of South-East Asian Nations, or ASEAN, differed on whether the region needs US military bases in the Philippines, but supported a plan for inter-

national economic aid to rebuild the Philippine economy.

"The foreign ministers reiterated their resolve to hold the Jakarta informal meeting (on Kampuchea)," said a joint communiqué issued at the end of the two-day meeting.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas told a news conference the informal peace meeting he is hosting is tentatively scheduled for July 25. It will be held in two stages in strict accordance with an agreement reached with Vietnam on July 29, 1987.

According to the agreement, the first stage of negotiations will include the four Kampuchean factions, and the second will bring in Vietnam, Laos and the ASEAN countries of Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei and the Philippines.

Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila, however, said the level and extent of ASEAN participation was still being worked out.

Alatas said "preliminary inquiries indicate everyone will be able to attend."

Time to go to beach, says Deng

BEIJING, July 5 (Reuters): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping said today it was time for him to go to the beach, signalling the start of the annual seaside horse-trading among the country's leadership.

"As long as I can swim, I will be healthy," Deng told visiting Brazilian President Jose Sarney who complemented the 83-year-old leader on his good health.

"And now it's time to go to the beach again," Deng added, quoted by the official New China News Agency.

Every year, as the capital stifles in summer heat, China's leaders repair to Beidaihe, staying in heavily-guarded villas in the east coast resort to map out and negotiate the country's future course.

Last summer the dominant issue was political power a few months before a crucial Communist Party congress which saw a wholesale resignation of veteran revolutionaries and their replacement by a new generation of younger technocrats.

Deng stepped down from the party's politburo but remained head of the central military commission and China's most powerful leader.

This year, diplomats say, the seaside talks are expected to focus on the economy, namely rising inflation, and widespread corruption within the 48-million strong party.

Deng, who will celebrate his 84th birthday on Aug 22, said he would go swimming every year for one and a half months.

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Water treatment results satisfactory, says Rqobah

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Homoud al Rqobah in an interview with a local daily expressed satisfaction on the results of the treatment of the discolouration of water in the areas situated between Kuwait City and the Third Ring road.

He was quoted as saying "the people of Keifan area and Abdullah Al Salem suburb had perceived a noticeable change in the colour of the water."

The minister said that a questionnaire is currently under preparation designed to gather the opinion of citizens on the extent of such changes.

Al Rqobah said that the services of water tankers would continue for some time. However, he added, that the water distribution network covered 90 per cent of the organised areas in the country.

Expand
He commented that the problem of high water table level was attributed to the excess of water consumption by citizens including inadequate water drainage network leading to the problem of leakages. However, he said, the ministry has started

renovating drainage networks.

The minister said the ministry is planning to expand production of brackish water by developing new fields of ground water wells and a study will be conducted by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

Replying to a question on the differences in bills for water and electricity consumption, the minister said these were because the bills were calculated on the basis of average system. However the amounts are adjusted in light of the citizens annual consumption.

Project
Speaking on the ministry's requirements and budget, he said, that these were based on the country's exceeding demands for electricity and water coupled with the country's development plans. He added that the ministry's long term construction projects were estimated at KD345 million, however, next year's budget had not yet been announced.

Replying to a question over the water supply project from Iraq to Kuwait the minister disclosed that a contract was signed with a French consulting com-

pany last March, whereby, the company would study the first stage of the project. The study report is expected to be ready by the end of this year he added.

On administrative reforms, Al Rqobah said job descriptions were under preparation which would recommend putting the right man in the right place.

On the housing and collective transport demands of the employees at Al Zoor power station the minister said that such demands were under study by the departments concerned and the trade union of the ministry's employees and added that the minister of state for housing Affairs had agreed to allocate a number of houses for employees at Un Al Haiman area.

With respect to collective transport, presently employees were transported by the ministry's cars. However, the ministry was in touch with Kuwait Public Transport Company to provide vehicles for collective transport for Al Zoor power station employees, he said and added that demands including an increase in allowances was still under study.

GCC may join world accord on ozone

RIYADH, July 5. (OPECNA): A working team set up by the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) ended a round of discussions here yesterday on the possibility of GCC states joining the Vienna accord and the Montreal protocol on the protection of the earth's ozone layer.

The two-day meetings recommended the preparation of primary studies on existing industries in GCC states using chlorophyll carbonate and its impact on these industries in case of shortage of the material.

It called for research and studies to discover alternative materials to replace chlorophyll carbonate.

The team also asked the GCC secretariat to collect information about the experience of countries which had taken steps to meet the requirements of the ozone protection accords.



HH the Amir with the Mauritanian Information Minister, Mohammed Halbina Ould Sidi Halba.

Sheikh Saad's visit to US is of special importance

THE forthcoming official visit to the US by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah is of special importance in light of the delicate circumstances in the Arabian Gulf area, the Arab region and international arena.

The visit, starting July 9 at an official invitation from US President Reagan would not be a routine trip but a significant political event coming in the midst of extremely critical and sensitive circumstances at regional and international levels.

Sheikh Saad's visit to Washington falls in line with Kuwait's internationally acclaimed role in enhancing world peace through respect for national sovereignty and fulfilment of people's right to self-determination.

Striving
Kuwait has also been striving to maintain international peace by observing the right of all states

to safeguard their security and stability, and forging civilised and co-operative links with other peace-loving states.

Another avenue of cementing international harmony has been Kuwait's generous support for the Non-Aligned Movement to prevent international political polarisation which leads to tensions and upsets relations between states in a manner harmful to mankind and its future.

Co-ordination
Though Kuwait enjoys friendly ties with the US, Kuwaiti policies have not been driven away from their sound and clear course as a result of the state of relations with Washington.

But developments in the Arabian area over past years have put new responsibilities on Kuwait requiring stronger vigour and agility and co-ordination with the US as a influential international power to tackle the

new situation in the Arabian Gulf and the Arab region at large.

Sheikh Saad's discussions with the American leadership would not be confined to bilateral issues but highly significant topics such as security of the Gulf region, peace efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war and the popular Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

Opportunity
The visit represents an opportunity to further expose Israeli crimes against Palestinian and other Arab peoples since the inception of the Zionist state on occupied Palestinian territory.

The visit also represents an opportunity for the Kuwaiti leadership and policies at Pan-Arab, Islamic and international levels given of plenty room for hope that the visit would be fruitful, positive and advantageous to regional and international peace.

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Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The Amir also received the Mauritanian Minister of Information Mohammed Halbina Ould Sidi Halba, who handed to the Amir a message from Mauritanian President Moaouia Ould Sidi Mohamed Taya.

The meeting was attended by Kuwaiti Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah and Mauritanian ambassador to Kuwait.

The Amir also met with the chairman of Kuwait Labour Union, and heads of trade unions, who thanked the Amir for the Amir's grant to the unions.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Social Affairs Undersecretary Issa Yassin.

Amir to receive credentials

HH the Amir will receive today the credentials of the newly-appointed Guinean and Australian ambassadors to Kuwait.

Amiri cables

HH the Amir sent cables of congratulations to Algerian President Chadli Ben Jedid and US President Reagan on the occasion of their countries' National Day.

The Amir sent similar cables to Presidents of Rwanda, Venezuela and Cape Verde.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received in audience the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashid, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaime and Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Al Rqobah.

Sheikh Saad also received board chairman of Kuwait Airways Corporation Ahmed Al Mishari and the Ambassadors of Canada, Senegal and Austria to Kuwait David McCracken, Saleh Mustafa and Wolfgang Steininger respectively on the occasion of ending their missions.

Crown Prince to patronise

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah patronises the inauguration ceremony of the Kuwaiti Teachers Society's branch in Al Ahmadi.

Sheikh Saad deputized Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri to attend the ceremony which will take place today evening at the Society's branch in Ahmadi.

Crown Prince cables

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Algerian President Chadli Benjedid on occasion of Algeria's National Day.

Sheikh Saad addressed a similar cable to Algeria's Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Elbrohimi on the same occasion.

Medical team starts receiving pilgrims

THE head of the Kuwaiti medical team for pilgrimage has reported that the team has begun receiving pilgrims in need of treatment in Al Madina Al Munawwarah. Dr Kamal Al Zinati said in a telephone call from Al Madina that the Arab Gulf states had organised the use of a health card for each pilgrim containing the full name and address of the pilgrim in Al Madina and Makkah as well as a personal medical record. Dr Zinati called on pilgrims to get a health card and to produce it when visiting the medical centre. He also reminded pilgrims to get the necessary lab examinations done in health centres in their areas.

Dr Zinati pointed out that the Saudi authorities also answered the health and medical needs of pilgrims, but added that certain illnesses were to be expected, especially sunstroke and digestive and respiratory conditions. He advised pilgrims to carry umbrellas, to keep as cool as possible, to drink plenty of fluid and to increase their salt intake.

Osaimi receives US envoy

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaime received in his office yesterday, US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell.

Discussions between the two officials tackled bilateral relations and recent developments in the region. Foreign Ministry sources said.

Sheikh Sabah returns after delivering messages

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home yesterday evening concluding a tour that included Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

In the course of his tour, the Kuwaiti chief diplomat delivered messages from HH the Amir of Kuwait to the Iraqi and Syrian President and King Hussein of Jordan.

Upon arrival, Sheikh Sabah was greeted by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaime in addition to other senior officials at the Foreign Ministry.

The messages focused on the Iraq-Iran war and the outcome of an Arab League summit held in Algiers in June.

The summit voiced total support for a six-month-old Pales-

tinian uprising in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In Damascus Sheikh Sabah also met Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara and discussed the Gulf war and fighting between Palestinian commando factions in Beirut camps.

Camps war
At least 20 mortar rounds hit the only hospital in Beirut's Bourj El Barajneh refugee camp today in fighting between Yasser Arafat's commandos and Syrian-backed Palestinian dissidents. Palestinian officials reported.

Police said at least four people were killed and 15 wounded in the battles between Arafat's Faiah faction and Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah-uprising rebels.

Thick black smoke billowed from Bourj El Barajneh as Mousa's gunners, deployed in Syrian-controlled hills in the mountains overlooking Beirut, hammered the shantytown with heavy mortar and rocket fire for the second day, police said.

Three years for adultery

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a couple charged with adultery to three years imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation. The woman, although she was married, had sexual intercourse with her boyfriend at the house where she was employed as a maid. The couple were caught naked by the woman's employer and reported to the police.

Sheikh Nawaf inspects naval force

KUWAIT'S Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday inspected the country's naval force at a navy base where he was received by acting Navy commander Lieutenant-Colonel Qais Al Saleh and senior officers.

Sheikh Nawaf toured sections of the base including the operation centre where he was briefed on the role of the Navy and its coordination with other Army units in training and operations.

Afterwards, he boarded a gunboat and was briefed on its combat equipment and mission. He later inspected the workshops of electronics and artillery.

Security forces on alert: Sheikh Salem

THE Minister of Interior has said that Kuwaiti security forces are well aware of developments within and outside the country and are constantly on the alert.

Sheikh Salem Al Sabah underlined the fact that the government is taking particular cognisance of the possibility of intensification of terrorist acts in some Gulf states as a result of new developments in the Iran-Iraq war.

The terrorists acts envisaged in light of the Iraqi liberation of Faw, Salamchah and Majnoon islands. The minister called upon citizens and expatriates to co-

operate with the security authorities to safeguard the country.

Speaking on the issue of permanent residence for Arabs, Sheikh Salem commented that the issue is still under consideration by the Ministry of Planning and the Higher Planning Council. However, he said that the Ministry of Interior had started a full-fledged study on the subject of granting Kuwaiti nationality. The new study would be mainly based on requirements of Kuwait's public interest and for the development of Kuwait's economic, social and security needs the minister said.

Amir's support for youths praised

KHALED Al Harban, the director of the school activities department at the Ministry of Education has praised the efforts of HH the Amir and the Crown Prince in providing support for youths and children at summer clubs. Al Harban added that summer clubs were an extension of the role and concept of school and were involved in the development of leadership qualities in youths who would later serve Kuwait.

Kuwait has 43 summer clubs for both male and female students, distributed throughout the country. They are well publicised on radio and television and newspapers, magazines and other publications publish a great deal of news to follow up activities at the clubs.

Al Harban pointed out that government establishments had co-operated with the clubs to enhance club members' experience and knowledge. Kuwait scientific club opened its doors to receive summer club members and many programmes and activities are designed to train members in computer skills and real life applications. Girl members are also trained on computer and in agricultural and electronics activities.

The summer clubs will hold a number of beach-cleaning campaigns in co-operation with the Environmental Protection Society. Afforestation projects and visits to government and private establishments are also among the summer clubs' programmes.

3,424 people banned from travelling

JUDGE Salem Al Khudayer, the director of the executive department at the Ministry of Justice, has said that 3,424 people have been banned from travelling since Jan 1 this year till now and 2,508 people had their bans lifted at the same time. He also said that 304 debtors of various nationalities were detained.

Judge Khudayer pointed out that the ministry, in co-operation with the Ministry of the Interior and the authorities of Kuwait International Airport, had solved the problem of name confusion which had previously prevented some people from leaving the country because of having the same names as banned individuals. Now, any application from a creditor to ban a debtor from travelling must be supported by the debtor's name in quadruplicate, as well as a photocopy of his nationality or passport and some other personal information.

Al Khudayer also noted that the department had paid out

KD1,561,624 in legacies to the relatives of 237 people who died in the first five months of the year.

He also mentioned the existence of an office at the executive department which refers citizens to specialised personnel who are entrusted to assist them in the completion of formalities. The office also receives complaints and enquiries submitted by the public which are studied and solved in a way which does not affect the rights of those who submit them.

Record sales

THE chairman of Abdali Agricultural Co-operative Society Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al Naser disclosed that the society last year recorded the highest sales since its establishment.

Citing figures, he said, total sales reached KD739,000 for 1987 compared to KD566,000 in 1986 — an increase of 30.5 per cent.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Arabs urged not to depend on superpowers

A KUWAITI daily yesterday called on the Arabs to find solutions to their problems from within rather than depending on the two superpowers.

Al Rai Al Aam said that the US will never abandon its biased stance in support of Israel while the Soviet Union's friendly stand toward the Arab states is about to change as a result of the new openness policy.

To confront impact of world detente on the small nations, the Arabs should start reconsidering their positions to provide a new atmosphere for a more positive Arab-Arab relations that could settle problems depending on national potentials.

Saudi Arabia asks pilgrims to vaccinate against meningitis

BAHRAIN, July 5. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia today told Muslims planning to make the annual pilgrimage to Makkah to get vaccinated against meningitis.

The Health Ministry said vaccination would guarantee immunity from infection for two years and urged pilgrims to increase standards of hygiene to avoid infection.

The annual pilgrimage brings Muslims from across the world to Islam's holiest site near the Saudi Red Sea coast and Riyadh has given priority to improving medical facilities.

Last year health officials in Gulf states launched a campaign to contain an outbreak of meningitis which spread in parts of the region after pilgrims returned

from Makkah.

The disease, caused by bacteria or viruses, inflames the linings of the brain.

The Saudi Health Ministry, in a statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA), also called on pilgrims to avoid the midday sun and carry white umbrellas.

This year's haj will reach its highpoint in late July when desert temperatures can climb to 45 degrees Centigrade (113 Fahrenheit) and sunstroke is a major hazard.

"Do not eat vegetables and fruits before washing them," the ministry said. "In addition, get rid of garbage in a proper manner.... Do not use the personal belongings of others because it could lead to infection."

Study on vandalism

INCREASED vandalism of public property in Kuwait has been the theme of a study recently undertaken in Kuwait.

The study, prepared by Dr Saeed Farhat, said the total amount of funds allocated for the construction of public properties and facilities for the fiscal year 86/87 amounted to KD763 million.

Further, the findings of the study indicated that the cost of maintaining these facilities during the year 86/87 amounted to KD140 million and the major portion of this maintenance cost was due to vandalism.

The study attached great importance to the rationale in

proper utilisation of facilities and pointed out that the total funds allocated for the construction of government projects and public facilities constituted 19 to 22 per cent of the total national budget.

The study underlined the vital role of the media in raising public awareness of the consequences of irresponsible acts of vandalism against government property. The resulting savings in maintenance and repairs could be used to back up the urbanisation movement in the country and construction of more public facilities and institutions the study concluded.

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VIDEO CORNER

Summer viewing for the young at heart

By Gail Seery

ONE of the disadvantages of living in Kuwait is that in the summer months, between the close of school and the start of the family vacation, it is simply too hot for children to play outside during the day, and many sit watching television for hours on end.

There are plenty of good children's videos around at the moment. For a start all the Disney classics are available, and though some of these are a little dated, in general they do seem to have a timeless quality, which appeals to all age groups.

Ernest goes to Camp stars Jim Varney and Victoria Racino, and is a very funny film. Ernest is a totally inept camp counsellor who gets put in charge of a group of "second chancers" from the local reform school. These boys are not exactly hard, but give the impression of being so, and it is quickly apparent that they are victimised by the other boys at the camp, and by the other counsellors. Ernest takes over, and as a result of his good natured attempts to show them his

knowledge of nature, gives them plenty of opportunities to practise their first aid.

Of course the message is that everybody deserves a chance, and also that there are certain rights and principles that must be fought for. The final sequence is of a huge, and admittedly not very likely battle with the bulldozers and mining workers.

One of the best films for younger children is the Children's Television Workshop version of the C.S. Lewis classic, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. This has been nicely animated, and remains very faithful indeed to this, the first of six Narnia stories.

Another CITW production is the *Sesame Street* follow-up *That Bird*, which is very silly and a real tear jerker. Miss Finch of the Society of Feathered Friends comes and takes Big Bird away to live with the Dodo family in Ocean View, Illinois. Although initially he quite likes the idea of having a bird family of his own, the situation sours when he discovers they will not let his best friend Snuffle come to stay on the flimsy grounds

that he is not a bird.

Big Bird decides to walk home, not realising that although it took only two hours to fly there, it might take a little longer to walk back. The other characters race to find him, stopping to have mini-adventures on the way, and Oscar the Grouch brings a new meaning to the term "tossed salad".

There are also two new compilations of love songs. One of these — *Best Love Songs 88* — features some excellent music, like Terence Trent D'Arby's "Sign Your Name" and "I've Had the Time of My Life," from the superb *Dirty Dancing* movie, sung by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes. This tape features Madonna, Boy George, and "Is this Love" by Whitesnake. This is the one to buy.

The other tape carries a sequence of bland songs, capped by the tremendously embarrassing "Save Your Love," sung by Rene and Renato. It is awful. I am certain that if anyone wearing one of those jumpers sang to me like that I wouldn't be able to help laughing.



Best Love Songs 88 features Madonna.

All-American family show

By Brian Hollis

FOR reasons beyond our knowledge, the main black American comedians seem to have decided to make most of their films for blacklisted companies. Eddie Murphy has a long term contract with Paramount and Bill Cosby has just completed a film for Columbia. Richard Pryor has also completed films for both Columbia and Paramount in the past, but finally he has made a movie which has been passed for viewing in Kuwait. "Moving" is another comedy about the problems of moving house and family. Pryor loses his job as a highly paid engineer in New York due to a business merger. Following many refusals and with resources rapidly dwindling, he is finally offered a top job — in Boise,

Idaho. The wife doesn't want to leave her friends, the daughters have boyfriends and school on their minds. Everything that can possibly go wrong with the removal and sale of the house does go wrong, and everything to do with the purchase of a new home in Idaho and the transfer of Pryor's sportscar — his pride and joy — is also a disaster.

The only thing that cheers them is the thought of getting away from their terrible neighbour (Randy Quail). But the neighbour has an elder brother also living in Idaho. ... There are some original moments, but most of the jokes are played out. The careless removal men dropping priceless vases, the conscientious student who turns out to be a maniac when driving Pryor's car, the home sellers who remove the swimming pool and other other immovables, we've seen them all before. Nevertheless, "Moving" is a harmless comedy which will please the fans of the nice all-American family show, and imagine — Pryor doesn't even swear once!

Woody Allen is back with a new release which follows on where his last two films "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "Radio Days" left off. "September" continues to explore the age old themes of family relationships, friendships and betrayals. In many respects it harks back to 1978's equally sombre interiors. As then, September assembles a group of desperate

people in a vacation house while they struggle to find the answers to their bitterly unrequited lives. Lane (Mia Farrow) has come to Vermont in the early spring to recover from a nervous breakdown. But, by the end of summer she realises that she cannot escape the memory of her mother's lover whom she killed whilst an adolescent. Her mother (Helen Strich) has no such problem. She is a survivor who does not sympathise with her daughter's withdrawal from the world.

One who helps Farrow search for the answers is Howard (Denholm Elliott) who quietly loves her but watches her fall instead for Peter (Sam Waterston), an unfulfilled advertising man who is attempting a writing career. Instead he spends more time pursuing Farrow's unhappily married friend (Diane Wiest) than he does his literary muse.

These delicately balanced relationships sort themselves out as best they can while eliciting some of Allen's most powerfully ironic dialogue in years. Farrow and Strich contribute dominant performances, with the latter virtually stealing the film with her blunt, overpowering delivery. Waterston, Wiest and Elliott shine in more passive roles.

However, one cannot help the feeling that Allen is straying uncomfortably close to Ingmar Bergman in these recent films, albeit without the same inten-



Mia Farrow and Denholm Elliott in September.

sity of feeling. In "September" the comic moments are really few and far between.

In *The Heat of the Night* is a made for TV remake of the 1967 success which starred Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger. A good production, capturing the emotive atmosphere in a small southern town where the bigoted and bombastic sheriff on a murder hunt grudgingly accepts the help of a black detective.

Some good new dramas include *Penitent*, arriving Tuesday and *Goodnight, Good Bless*. He's My Girl starring T.K. Carter and David Halliday (the French singer Johnny

Halliday's son) is a very funny new comedy.

Walt Disney's return of the big cat is an exciting adventure for children. It tells the story of the McClaren family who fight a life and death battle with a vicious cougar during the 1890's.

Baseball and Basketball continue. *Game 7* is now available. Finally a good new best-seller *Emma: Queen of the South Seas* starring Barbara Carrera completes this week's new releases.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Safeway; Video Nauf, Saliya and Video Club, Salmiya.



Richard Pryor stars in Moving

Rambo losing to Crocodile Dundee

WITH *Crocodile Dundee* II winning the war at the box office (\$61 million and still going strong), Sylvester Stallone, whose *Rambo* III (recently released in Kuwait) has so far pulled in more modest \$37 million, is attempting some rearguard action in the lucrative realm of merchandising in the US. Apart from the usual array of Rambo watches, posters, dolls, head-bands and make-up (no eye-shadow and lipstick, but camouflage), fans can now buy Rambo Trading Units or "survival currency." The gold and silver coins come in a variety of denominations and sell for between \$60 and \$600.



Indian Counsellor Atish Sinha (standing) addressing the gathering; to his right are Varghese Gee, Warrier and Jaffri. UMO officials are also seen.

UMO holds reception

THE United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) recently hosted a reception to welcome the new Indian Embassy. First Secretary Varghese Gee and to say goodbye to outgoing First Secretary (Press and culture), M.L.R. Jaffri.

UMO Chairman N.V.K. Warrier presided and general secretary K.P. Abraham welcomed guests. Indian Counsellor Atish Sinha addressed the gathering. Other speakers were Stephen Joseph, Pandaram Mohammad Basheer (UMO vice-chairman); Sakthi Kulungara Williams, Sri Sagar Hukkarapur, R.V. Hyder Ali and K.P. Mohan.

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

British Council

The Elephant Man, a feature film, will be shown on July 9 and 10, 6.30 pm. Superbly photographed in black and white, it is an unforgettable amalgam of images in the style of 19th century pioneer photography which develops with the story of emotional intensity. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

ARTS

German Painting Exhibition

A 10-day exhibition of German paintings will be held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel from July 10. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised

by the German embassy in Kuwait.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat Thurs On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. Some of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

SOCIAL

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5653140.

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee morning will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk

dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; a la carte or buffet.

Al Waha features melon promotion, offering watery, juicy and refreshing melon delights, until July 15.

At the Holiday Inn

Melon promotion featuring cool melon slices is being held at the hotel, until July 15. Al Ahmadi coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets

for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 10-day lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzes, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Sheraton

Italian hospitality is provided in the Riccardo restaurant. Dine in the restaurant to the music of Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is also open for lunch during the week.

Al Hambra offers seafood specialities every Wednesday night: live entertainment by the Lords.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.30 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons
- 10.15 Tamar Al Shok: daily serial, with Abdul Munim Madbouli, Fatima Tabae, Rashwan Tawfiq.
- 11.00 News Summary/Good Morning
- 11.15 Abilahu Munira: local serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jabr, Saad Ardash, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Al Manea.
- 12.00 Good Morning/News Summary
- 12.15 People and Sports
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.30 Football match between Saudi Arabia and Argentina relayed from Sydney, for the Australian Bicentennial Celebrations.
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.25 This Happy Breed: English feature film, starring Robert Newton.
- 6.00 Bunduq Wa Bunduqah: children's serial, starring Liza, Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra.
- 7.00 With Students: last episode
- 8.00 Wa Qalat Al Arab: "And the Arab Said," Arabic serial.
- 8.40 Folklore
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Naar wa Dukhan: Arabic serial, featuring Sherihan, Mustafa Fahmi.
- 10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Al Hunuf," Starring Miyad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Ashraf Abaza.



Inspector Gadget goes on a new mission in the cartoon serial, tonight at 6.10 pm, KTV 2

san Ibrahim, Ashraf Abaza.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Inspector Gadget: cartoons
- 6.30 The Kids of Degraassi Street: this series revolves around a Chinese family who move to a new neighbourhood.
- 7.00 Computers in Control: a look at computer systems and their role in modern society.
- 7.30 Growing Pains: "Confidentially Yours," Maggie is offered a job by a prestigious publishing house; Jason learns the secret behind the magnanimous offer.
- 8.40 O'Hara: "Frannie," O'Hara takes over the task of finding

out who is behind the sudden attack on a man at an airport.

Edge of Life: "A New Start." This episode examines how doctors handle premature births at the Maternity Hospital in Cambridge.

Sledge Hammer: "Dressed to Kill." Sledge is assigned to give protection to a pretty TV anchorwoman...and hammers his way to the truth.

L.A. Law: the much acclaimed series about the workings of an L.A. law firm; the personal and professional triumphs of lawyers.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio News
- 30 Omnibus
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 Country Style
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 A-Z of Hollywood
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Pop Science Programme
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Country Stories
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 The World Today
- 30 Meridian
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

- Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Brain of Britain 1988
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 6th and 20th Folk in Britain: 13th and 27th Jazz Scene UK
- 1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
- 30 6th and 13th A World in Edgways: 20th and 27th Trivia Test Match
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Country Stories
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Radio Newsdesk
- 15 Time for Verse (ex 6th Irving Berlin Among Friends)
- 25 The Farming World
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 2040 Hidayat Rabbani
- 2100 Closedown

- 1500 Radio Newsdesk
- 15 The Politics of Laughter: 20th and 27th Three Wishes
- 30 Radio Active (ex 27th Two Cheers for July)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Counterpoint
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Society Today
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk
- 30 Multitrack 2
- 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
- 39 Stock Market Report
- 45 Good Books
- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Schieren Qual
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Subha-e-Nau
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Hidayat Rabbani
- 2100 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna

Al Salmiya
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Hambra
Killzone
Starring: David James

Drive-In
Laila Al Kadd Ala Bakaiza Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babil, Issad Yunus

Al Firdous
Pyar Ka Mandir (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Madhavi

Fahaeel Open-Air
Jeete Hain Shaan Se (Hindi)

Al Fahaeel
Maut Samira (Arabic)

Al Jahra
Bambi's Childhood (Russian)

Granada
Aad Liyantaqam (Arabic)

Sulaibikhat
Unnikale Oru Katha Parayam (Malayalam)

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Tiger Joe

Ahmadi Drive-In
Widad Al Ghaziya (Arabic)

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WIT is the salt of conversation, not the food — William Hazlitt, English writer (1778-1830).

OPINION

Kuwaiti position will be made known

NEXT Sunday, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah begins his official visit to the United States. This visit will be the first of its kind by a senior Kuwaiti official to the United States since the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al Salem visited Washington many years ago. Thus, the second dignitary of the State of Kuwait will visit the first country in the world.

Although Sheikh Saad is representing a geographically small state he carries with him a Kuwaiti stand that has been praised and encouraged by the whole world. The latest in Kuwait's stands to be praised was its firm position against international terrorism which was more than evident during the recent hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jabriya. It is symbolic that the same airliner will carry the Crown Prince to the USA and will undoubtedly reflect the appropriateness of the Kuwaiti stand against terrorism, which on previous occasions had made some big countries to bow to terrorism and blackmail.

Thus, Sheikh Saad, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait and the second dignitary in its political hierarchy will visit Washington and the whole world through him, will be provided with an accurate picture of Kuwait.

Although geographically small, Kuwait has been the envy of the world for its political, economic and social acumen.

Kuwait has stood firmly by its humanitarian commitments, initiatives and contributions towards economic developments, particularly those relating to joint ventures. This has contributed positively towards ensuring its people and future generations financial stability and a stable economic system.

Kuwait has also succeeded in developing an advanced social system in an atmosphere of co-operation and understanding between Kuwaitis and other people.

The forthcoming visit of Sheikh Saad to the US will certainly strengthen and make known the Kuwaiti position.

This opportunity for direct meetings with top political decision-makers of the US will certainly better the chances of achieving positive results.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Indian politics

Opposition parties prepare for polls

By Rajendra Bajpai

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): India's opposition parties agree the best way for them to topple Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is to unite.

But squabbling has already begun over who should be the new leader should Rajiv lose a general election due by the end of 1989.

The man at the centre of the row is Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Rajiv's former finance and defence minister, who led the opposition to an overwhelming victory in a parliamentary by-election last month.

The win in Allahabad, Rajiv's ancestral hometown in the heart of his Congress (I) Party's power base in Uttar Pradesh state, has led to unity moves among opposition groups along with much agonising over who should lead them.

Several opposition leaders proclaimed Singh the man best suited to take on Rajiv and this angered other senior opposition members who regard themselves as more suitable to fill the post.

Quality

Chandra Sekhar, former president of the Janata Party which ruled for two years from 1977, said winning an election does not qualify one to become leader and described Singh as the "wild card in the pack."

Devi Lal, a veteran campaigner and leader of the Lok Dal (B), proclaimed support for Singh and lobbied for him among other opposition leaders.

Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna, president of the Lok Dal, disagrees with Lal, who is Haryana state chief minister.

Bahuguna refrained from public comment but made his displeasure obvious by staying away from the Allahabad election. Singh was the nominee of the combined opposition and Allahabad familiar territory for Bahuguna, veteran of many electoral battles.

The by-election was the first united action by fractious opposition leaders since the Janata Party collapsed in 1979.

The subsequent leadership debate and media attention has embarrassed Singh. On Friday, he was at pains to explain he was not interested in the job but only in uniting the opposition.

"It will be a national disaster if I become the prime minister," he said in an interview with the Hindustan Times.

He said he had twice quit the government and had no reason to return. "Why should a man who had twice sought divorce marry again?"

Few believe his protestations.

Limelight

Singh has been in the limelight ever since he quit the government last year and accused it of collecting commission on huge defence deals, a stand which won him moral and political support.

Columnist S. Mulgaonkar said in the Indian Express: "All having been said, the fact has to be recognised that it is because of V.P. Singh that corruption has become the most important issue in the country's politics."

"He has now emerged, in spite of several faltering steps, as the natural leader of the forces opposing the Congress (I) against all doubts," he added.

India's previous attempt to merge disparate opposition groups collapsed in 1979 with the fall of the Janata Party government, the first non-Congress Party to rule in New Delhi.

Devi Lal and N.T. Rama Rao, the leader of the Telugu Desam Regional Party and chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state in the south, have called for a meeting of opposition leaders in New Delhi to give final shape to the federal party.

On present reckoning only three parties — the Jan Morcha (People's Front) of Singh, Janata Party (People's Party) and Lok Dal (The Masses' party) — are expected to join.

Rajiv took the Allahabad defeat seriously. He revamped and expanded his cabinet and sacked the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, a state which has 85 of the country's 544 members of parliament.

The state has also supplied all but one of India's six prime ministers since independence from Britain in 1947.

Series of defeats worry Tehran
Iran revamping war machine to regain initiative

By Mohammad Zargham

NICOSIA, (Reuters): Iran is reorganising its war machine in a bid to regain the initiative against Iraq after a series of defeats which military analysts say have roots in last year's events.

New armed forces commander Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani announced on Saturday that plans were drawn up to throw more resources into the war and revitalise the military, including preparations for the tricky task of merging the regular Army and Revolutionary Guards.

He said a new general command was set up to improve co-ordination among forces and called for more experienced volunteers to go to war.

Baghdad, gaining the upper hand on the fronts for the first time since the early days of the war in 1980, drove Iranian troops out of all their footholds in southern Iraq in three successful attacks since mid-April.

Tehran's first official statement after the defeats said a "triangle of the United States, the Soviet Union and Arabs" had helped Iraq with weapons and intelligence to launch the attacks.

But President Ali Khamenei also blamed heightened political wrangling among Iran's ruling factions.

Analysts say outside military assistance to Iraq, the intervention of US naval forces in the Gulf and Iran's loss of many experienced officers in last year's successful offensive against Basra are responsible for the setbacks.

They also cite Iraq's extensive use of chemical weapons and missile attacks on cities weakening Iranian morale.

"The Iranians are more tired. They have fought the war not only against Iraq, but in some ways against the whole Arab world," said Shireen Hunter of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Force

"The Iraqis have used chemical weapons, massively, with impunity, and the US Navy has been holding the reins and giving the Iraqis a free-fire zone. The war really turned when the US went into the Gulf," she added.

The US sent a large naval force to the Gulf last year to escort reflagged tankers, and US war-



Rafsanjani

ships shot down an Iranian airliner and sank three gunboats in the last of a series of clashes with the Iranian Navy on Sunday.

"I think the Iraqis have had a lot of advice from outsiders — the Soviets, the French and even the US — in terms of reorganisation of the Presidential Guard and Elite Iraqi Units," said a Middle Eastern analyst who asked to remain anonymous.

"There is also the psychological effect of chemical warfare... the war of the cities has also helped change the mood on the war."

"There has been a major difference in the past year — there is a lot more feeling that it's time to end the war. Some of the atmosphere of a holy war are beginning to wear off," he added.

Sustained Iraqi missile attacks disrupted life in Tehran in March and April for the first time in the war and fears spread that Iraq might drop chemical bombs on cities after a series of gas attacks on the fronts.

On Thursday's Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz admitted for the first time that Iraq had used chemical weapons in the war.

Attacks

But Don Kerr of London's International Institute for Strategic Studies said he believed chemical warfare and attacks on cities and industrial targets had no direct role in Iran's battle front woes.

He said Iran had no shortage of volunteers, but the problem lay in lack of coherence in the armed forces and a shortage of experienced military personnel.

"The Revolutionary Guards lost a large number of people in the 1987 attack on Basra," he told Reuters.

"The suspicion is that among

those casualties must have been a large number of mid-management people," say the captains or majors of an Army without whom no Army can really function.

"These are the people with experience who can take on young volunteers and show them how to be useful without getting killed."

A spokesman for the Mujahideen-e-Khalq, the Iranian opposition group whose Iranian National Liberation Army (INLA) has mounted several attacks on Iran from bases in Iraq, confirmed this view.

Ebrahim Jafarzadeh said the Guards lost 200 commanders of battalions and bigger units in the assault on Basra.

He said the attacks by Iraqi forces and INLA along the 1,180-km (735-mile) front had tied down a large number of Iranian troops and the Iranians, used to attacking for several years, were finding it difficult to switch to a defensive posture.

Revolutionary Guards spokesman Alireza Afshar said in a published interview last month that Iran had difficulty convincing its volunteer "Basij" forces to be content with defensive duties on the fronts.

"Self-sacrificing Basijis, always keen for attack, are reluctant to man defensive lines," he said.

The Basij volunteers, under command of the Revolutionary Guards, supplied the main force in Iran's human wave assaults in previous years.

The Guards were the Iranian force involved in all three Iraqi victories — at the Faw peninsula in April, Shalamchah Marshlands east of Basra in May, and the oil-rich Majnoon islands last month.

Rafsanjani said on Saturday that the long-range plan was to put more emphasis on the permanent force in the war and use the volunteers only for special occasions.

Weaknesses

In prayer sermons on Friday, President Khamenei blamed domestic political wrangling for the battlefield reverses.

He said Iraq could not gain the upper hand "except for some weaknesses which we have brought on ourselves..."

"If some people do all they can to raise political differences, to underline problems and create factions — well this will affect the fronts."

US unprepared for Khomeini's death

● The Stalin model, according to which "a revolution's soul" (like Khomeini) is replaced by a "raw wielder of power." Historically, "a brutal but effective leader who consolidated his personal power (through repression) in this way might rule for a long time," according to the former senior US official.

● Finally, the Lebanon model could spring up, where "chaos prevailed and factionalism was an end in itself," Sick said. "This perhaps is the most dangerous of the three scenarios, although not necessarily the most probable."

According to Sick, in the past Khomeini has been the "glue" that has held Iran together, and while he is a "radical," he also has been "calm and com-

promising moderating his positions when it appeared the revolution was in danger.

For example, Khomeini dealt with two "great satans" — Israel and the US — to get spare parts for the war with Iraq, Sick noted.

But the US "is not in a good position to deal with... the extraordinary (military, social and economic) disarray" in Iran, he argued, pointing out Iran's policy will continue to be determined by internal rather than foreign developments.

"And the US has no ability to influence the course of events inside Iran," he said.

Possibly the greatest danger, one involving the "Lebanon model" scenario, Sick wrote, was if the US and the Soviet Union were drawn into supporting separate factions against one another.

WASHINGTON, (KUNA): The US seems as unprepared for the death of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini as it was for his arrival in power, a former White House national security expert asserted here Sunday.

And he said no "counter-revolution" to sweep away the fundamentalist clerical government was likely, since the original 1979 revolution was not too deeply entrenched.

In a critical essay in the Washington Post, ex-National Security Council (NSC) staffer Gary Sick offered possible scenarios the US could use to "clarify policy choices" if the latest rumours of Khomeini's imminent death prove true.

● Collective leadership, such as the five-man "directory" that followed the French revolution in the 18th century, and the one that ruled the USSR after Stalin's death. "Such arrangements have been expedient, unstable and short-lived," Sick wrote.

THE WAR ON DRUGS



Palestinians endure renewed camps war with defiance

By Ghida Salaam

BEIRUT, (Reuters): "They have taken my second son away from me, they shot him," a 40-year-old woman wailed against the crack of sniper fire at the entrance of Beirut's battered Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp.

Mohammed, her 20-year-old son, was the latest victim of inter-Palestinian fighting which has raged since May between supporters of Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat and pro-Syrian dissidents.

Annihilate

Bourj Al Barajneh is the last remaining Arafat stronghold in Beirut. The neighbouring camp of Shatila fell to supporters of dissident Palestinian leader Abu Musa on June 27, in a round of fighting which forced thousands of refugees to flee their homes.

Abu Musa aims to establish his hegemony over all the Palestinian camps in Beirut, political analysts said.

Despite sporadic shelling, scores of women streamed from the shantytown, their personal and household belongings balanced on their heads as they sought a safer refuge.

Only 5,000 of the original 15,000 inhabitants remain in the camp, controlled by Arafat loyalists and surrounded by Abu Musa commandos.

Cramped in the maze of alleys strewn with garbage, broken sewers and debris, wary residents await a renewal of the camps war with a mixture of anxiety and defiance.

"We would rather be buried here than leave our homes and ours. We grew up here, where do you want us to go," a group of women demanded angrily.

Bourj Al Barajneh graphically shows the effect of five years of gunfire, shelling and destruction.

The walls display an array of shell holes, posters of "martyrs" and inflammatory inscriptions. The smell of sewage is all-pervasive. Children play with

water dripping from the bullet-pocked ceilings.

"It was so much easier under Amal," cried Najat, referring to the six months siege by Amal militiamen in 1986 in which residents suffered acute starvation.

Scottish nurse Susan Wighton described the psychological blow that the inter-Palestinian fighting dealt to camp residents. "Every day witnesses new cases of hysteria. People are totally addicted to valium," she said.

"Under Amal, it was different because they were facing an enemy. But now, they are killing their own brothers. This has led to a total nervous collapse," she said.

Wighton was sent to Lebanon in 1986 by Medical Aid for Palestine (MAP) along with British surgeon Pauline Cutting to extend relief services to the refugees. They survived the Amal siege.

Home

She returned to Bourj Al Barajneh last year with the Palestine Red Crescent society as a health community worker. "I don't regard myself as a foreigner working here. I like the Palestinians, this is my second home after Scotland," she said.

Wighton is one of two foreigners who remain in Bourj Al Barajneh. Sleeping on a mattress on the floor of a bullet-ridden building, she said she would stay as long as the refugees needed her.

Fear

Young commandos roam the streets vowing not to abandon the camp. "The cemetery is very close. They will only carry me out of here dead," said 20-year-old Ali, one of an estimated 1,200 Arafat loyalists entrenched in the camp.

The young commandos have not left the camp for four years for fear of being kidnapped, beaten and humiliated. In their free time, they play cards and backgammon and await news from the outside world, brought to them by the women.

Despite its desolate appearance, the infrastructure of the camp is still detectable. Small grocery shops, a barber shop, a hospital on the brink of collapse render services to a community that refuses to surrender.

Downing of Iranian jetliner

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): The lesson the United States should learn from its downing of an Iranian jetliner is that it should not be so quick to criticise similar mistakes made by other countries, Israeli analysts said on Monday.

The analysts and Israeli leaders also said human error in dealing with sophisticated equipment was to blame for US missile attack that downed the plane over the Gulf with 290 civilians aboard on Sunday.

Questions

Zeev Schiff, a respected military analyst, said on Israel Radio the incident should "raise questions among the Americans about their criticism of others in similar circumstances."

Schiff recalled the Soviet downing of a Korean Airlines plane near Sakhalin Island in which

US should learn from its mistake

269 people were killed in September 1983 and Israel's February 1973 attack on a Libyan Airlines jetliner over the Sinai peninsula in which 106 passengers died.

"I think it can happen in every system because there is a man behind every piece of sophisticated equipment," said Brig. Gen. (Res.) Oded Erez, former head of Israel's Air Force intelligence.

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Aharon Levran of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies said US protection of shipping in the Gulf put it on "a collision course (with Iran), quite

clearly, and it's only amazing it did not happen earlier."

The United States said its forces mistook the jetliner for an Iranian warplane. Iran vowed revenge.

But Israel analysts expressed doubt as to whether Iran would stage attacks against the United States or its forces.

Radical

"The Iranians are radical but they are also reasonable," said Levran. "They usually have shown... a great respect towards the American forces. They are also not interested in clashing directly with the United States."

Taiwan's nationalists mirror Beijing's communists

By Andrew Browne

TAIPEI, (Reuters): They live in different worlds, but Taiwan's Nationalist Party is confronted by the same problems as its communist twin in China as it prepares for a crucial congress this week.

Since 1949, when the Nationalists fled to Taiwan from the Chinese mainland, they have ruled unchallenged over what they call "free China." They see themselves as guardians of democracy against the socialist camp.

Beneath the rhetoric lies the reality that the Nationalist Party was cast in the same mould as its communist rival, organised by Soviet advisers in the 1920's to achieve revolution in China.

A clique of revolutionary veterans holds an iron grip over a party that infiltrates every corner of Taiwan life, stifling the island with bureaucracy.

Reform

Like their communist counterparts, Nationalist officials cruise from meeting to meeting in large black limousines. They live in exclusive compounds, have never faced elections and rarely venture into the fields or factories.

"They stick together, eat together and talk together," said Lin Yuan-Lang, a young Nationalist legislator who is at the forefront of a campaign for party reform.

"We want democracy starting from the grass roots and stretching to the top," he added.

Liu would get a sympathetic hearing in China, where the old guard is also under attack from young reformers who want more say in the party hierarchy.

Both parties are struggling to update a Soviet-style structure, which has kept them in power since 1949 but is now being challenged by the forces of democracy and economic growth.

Former allies under Soviet patronage, the two parties became warring rivals in China. Now they are competing for a mandate to rule in their divided country.

The agenda for the Nationalist Party's 13th congress, which opens today, could well have been written by the same hand that drew up the programme for the Communist Party's 13th congress less than a year ago.

In his keynote speech to the meeting in Beijing, Zhao Ziyang, then the Communist Party's acting secretary-general, frankly admitted:

"There are major defects in our system of leadership, in the organisational structure and style of work, which mainly find expression in over-concentration of power, a serious degree of bureaucracy..."

Zhao launched an attack on China's over-stuffed and entrenched government machine. Veterans of the 1934-35 Long



Zhao Ziyang

March, who trekked across China with Mao Tse-tung in a running battle with the Nationalists, were swept from power. More than 90 out of 120 members of the Central Committee were retired. The policy-making politbureau was shaken-up.

By the time the congress ended, young technocrats and political reformers had taken power from conservatives opposed to Zhao's reforms. Zhao was confirmed in his post as secretary-general.

The People's Daily described the congress as the start of China's "second revolution."

Today, acting Nationalist Party chairman Lee Teng-Hui will preside over a meeting to discuss a blueprint for reform that is no less radical.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Iran-Pakistan annual trade to reach \$400m

TEHRAN, July 5, (OPECNA): Iran-Pakistan trade in the last six months reached \$100 million and is expected to go up to \$400 million in the next six, according to Iran's Deputy Finance Minister Ali Akbar Afejei.

This, he added, was a sound basis for the expansion of bilateral trade and commercial ties between the two neighbours.

Afejei was speaking after a meeting with an official Pakistan delegation for a review of developments since the two countries signed a letter of understanding on economic co-operation.

He said the main topics of discussion with the Pakistanis would be oil and non-oil trade, as well as co-operation in the sectors of transportation, banking and agriculture.

Ahmad Khan, leader of the Pakistani group, expressed confidence that the current talks would result in more technical and agricultural co-operation, greater trade exchanges and joint ventures in cement and sugar projects.

Oil revenues up by 16pc in 1987

GCC records 6pc increase in GDP

ABU DHABI, July 5, (KUNA): The gross domestic product (GDP) of the Gulf Co-operation Council states (GCC) recorded a six per cent increase in 1987 compared with 1986, according to a report released here today.

The 1987 annual report of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry said the GCC states investment in foreign states until 1986 reached \$212 billion, whereas GCC private sector investment abroad totalled \$125 billion.

The report said 1987 witnessed the beginning of a new phase of economic growth in the GCC member states, featured by economic boom due to the stable oil prices and efforts exerted by the GCC states to enhance their economies.

Along with the UAE, the GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

The GCC states possess all factors necessary for the success of their policies and development

plans as they jointly own the biggest proven world oil reserves which reach 302 billion barrels or about 41.9 per cent of world reserves, it said.

The report pointed out that GCC oil revenues in 1987 increased by 16 per cent compared with the previous year, despite the fall of oil production to 6.6 million barrels per day in 1987 from 7.9 million BPD in 1986.

The industrial sector in the GCC states increased the GDP by more than 10 per cent in 1987, the report said.

It pointed out that the value of joint GCC industrial investment ventures, which reached 92 projects, amounted to \$2 billion.

Progress

Referring to the foreign trade movement in the GCC states which witnessed a positive progress, the report said that the volume of trade exchange between the GCC and the European Economic Community totalled

about \$16.1 billion, recording a surplus of \$2.4 billion in favour of the European group.

The report noted that the volume of trade exchange between the GCC countries and the United States and Japan recorded a sharp drop in comparison with the early 80's.

Exerted

It added that the GCC balance of payments registered a growing surplus before 1984, but later, in 1985 it declined in most of the GCC countries except the UAE, Kuwait and Oman.

The 1986-1988 period witnessed a relative progress in the GCC payments due to the rise in oil revenues, the report said.

The report referred to the GCC countries co-operation and their policy of economic integration which entitled their citizens to practise their economic activities freely.

The GCC has exerted great efforts to achieve the Gulf common market and consolidate cus-

tom duties as well as find a full integrated system to support and protect local products.

The report also referred to the measures adopted by the GCC countries in the field of monetary coordination, especially the 1987 agreement to bring about relative stability in currency exchange.

Meanwhile, GCC and Sweden will explore avenues of technical and industrial co-operation at a seminar in Stockholm from Sept 12 to 14 according to OPECNA news agency.

The three-day event will be attended by Gulf and Swedish businessmen and officials in charge of planning and industry.

The meeting will consider papers on industrial investment opportunities in the Gulf region and co-operation between GCC and Sweden.

Papers will also be presented on the role of the Gulf investment corporation in GCC states and existing co-operation between Gulf and Swedish companies.

Kuwait Fund to extend \$14.62m to Niger

NIAMEY, Niger, July 5, (OPECNA): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development is to extend \$14.62 million to Niger for the rehabilitation and maintenance of a major road project.

The \$15.71 million Tchadadua-Takeita project aims at facilitating the transport of passengers and goods between the eastern and western regions of the country. It will also cater for the increasing commercial traffic between Niger and Nigeria.

The scheme includes the rehabilitation and periodic maintenance of the 145-km road connecting Tchadadua and Takeita and necessary drainage and safety works.

The credit, which will finance about 93 per cent of the project, will also cover consultancy services. Work is to start by mid-1989 and is expected to be completed at the end of 1990.

The loan, which carries an annual interest rate of 1.5 per cent plus a 0.5 per cent service charge is repayable in 24 years, including a four-year grace period.

W. German trade surplus rises

BONN, July 5, (Reuter): West Germany's trade surplus rose in April but its production of industrial goods was virtually unchanged in May, the government said yesterday.

The Federal Statistics Office said West Germany's trade surplus rose to 9.5 billion marks (\$5.2 billion) in April from 8.6 billion (\$4.7 billion) in March.

Industrial production in May fell 0.1 per cent from April's level, the Economics Ministry said.

West Germany has run large trade surpluses despite a decline in the dollar last year which made its goods more expensive for foreign buyers.

The trade surplus reported yesterday was higher than expected. Economists had forecast a trade surplus of nine billion marks (\$4.9 billion).

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World Business Summary

British court extends assets freeze in Barlow Clowes case

LONDON, July 5, (Reuter): A court yesterday extended orders freezing the assets of two British financiers under investigation in connection with a collapsed fund management group. The high court continued until Friday a £14 million (\$23.52 million) worldwide asset freezing order against Guy von Cramer, a business partner of Peter Clowes who ran the Barlow Clowes Group of companies. It also extended indefinitely an order freezing £1.7 million (\$2.86 million) in assets belonging to Peter Naylor, a former executive of the fund management group. Von Cramer and Naylor did not contest the freeze orders sought by the receivers of the companies. Barlow Clowes' investment fund in Britain and Gibraltar was closed down in May with an estimated £190 million (\$319 million) owed to 11,000 clients, mostly small investors. Peter Clowes was charged on June 15 with perverting the course of justice and released on £200,000 (\$304,000) bail. Lawyers for the receivers told the court Clowes said he loaned £14 million (\$23.52 million) of investors' funds to Von Cramer or companies associated with him.

Zaire accuses World Bank and IMF of treating it like a colony

KINSHASA, July 5, (Reuter): Zaire, burdened with \$7 billion of foreign debt, accused the World Bank and International Monetary Fund yesterday of treating it like a colony. First State Commissioner (Prime Minister) Sambwa Pida Mbagui urged the two Washington based organisations to change their thinking, the Zairean news agency Azap reported. "They tend to treat Zaire like a colony," Sambwa told a meeting of Western ambassadors and World Bank and IMF officials in Kinshasa. President Mobutu Sese Seko rejected an IMF recovery plan and opted for his own emergency economic measures to safeguard the economy last Friday, Azap said. The Zairean government disagreed with IMF proposals to raise interest rates and fuel prices, and tighten the budget, banking sources said. Mobutu, who has often criticised the IMF, did not detail his economic package which the agency said covered public spending cuts, limiting the money supply and stabilising interest rates. Banking sources said the measures should help talks between the IMF and the former Belgian colony. Bankers here have said the economy is in a crisis with interbank interest rates of more than 50 per cent.

UK stockbroker faces fourth charge in Guinness affair

LONDON, July 5, (Reuter): London stockbroker David Mayhew, who is facing three charges in connection with Guinness PLC's 1986 takeover of a whisky firm, was charged with a fourth offence yesterday, police said. Mayhew, senior corporate finance partner in stockbrokers Cazenove and Co, is to appear at a London magistrates court next Monday on all four charges, they said. He will be joined in court by six other prominent British businessmen. They face a total of 92 charges including illegal share support and fraud linked to the giant Anglo-Irish brewer's successful £2.7 billion (\$4.5 billion) bid for Scottish drinks group Distillers PLC. Mayhew, 48, was accused of conspiring to defraud companies and people who had accepted a Guinness offer for Distillers shares by dishonestly concealing that another firm, Pipetec, had acquired 10.6 million Distillers shares in concert with Guinness. Mayhew was remanded in April on conditional bail of £500,000 (\$840,000) on the three earlier charges.

Expatriates formed 62pc of labour force in 1986

GCC nationals predominate in traditional economic sectors

THE total size of the labour force in the six GCC states was estimated at around 3.5 million in 1986, 62 per cent of which were believed to be expatriates. Nationals predominate in the traditional sectors of the economy, namely agriculture and fishing, especially in Saudi Arabia and Oman where close to 24 per cent and 18 per cent respectively of the national workforce are found. Mining is another important sector for nationals as more of them move to occupy positions in the oil sector. The proportion of nationals engaged in the community and personal services sector has also been high ranging from around 75 per cent of the total national workforce in Kuwait and UAE, to 62 per cent in Qatar, 44 per cent in Bahrain and 32 per cent in Saudi Arabia.

This sector is especially impor-

This is the Part II of a study by Gulf International Bank of Bahrain on the problems of mobilising human resources in the Arabian Gulf region.

tant as it includes public sector jobs where employment for nationals are almost guaranteed and personal business where many nationals are self employed (e.g. drivers, guards, as well as private business).

The concentration of expatriates is most evident in the manufacturing, construction and trade sectors. The majority of workers in manufacturing are non-nationals, the percentage is moderate in Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia (64 per cent and 73 per cent respectively), but higher in Kuwait (90 per cent), UAE (91 per cent) and Qatar (98 per cent).

The dependence on expatriates is even more pronounced in the construction sec-

tor, where it is estimated that in 1986 more than 85 per cent of all construction workers in the Gulf were expatriates.

Non-nationals also constitute a majority in the trade sectors of the various Gulf states reaching as high as 96 per cent in the UAE and Qatar, 92 per cent in Kuwait and 55 per cent in Bahrain.

Nationals in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia represent a more balanced distribution by economic sector than in the other Gulf states. The dominance of expatriates is apparent only in construction and to a lesser degree in manufacturing and trade.

Nationals of the two countries constitute a majority in the min-

ing sector 77 per cent and 79 per cent respectively, in the utilities sectors 68 per cent and 70 per cent respectively, in community and personal sectors 54 per cent and 55 per cent respectively, and 67 per cent and 60 per cent respectively in transport and communication sectors.

Considering the economically active population by occupation, the Gulf countries' national labour force has been concentrated in three main occupational categories: "clerical workers," "service workers" and "production workers."

The lowest percentage of nationals is found in such occupational categories as

"managerial workers," "professional and technical workers" and, with the exception of Saudi Arabia and Oman, in "agricultural workers."

The high percentage of clerical workers, which ranged from 27.6 per cent of total national workforce in Kuwait to 23.3 per cent in the UAE, 21.6 per cent in Bahrain, 22.3 per cent in Qatar and 8.8 per cent in Saudi Arabia reflects the expansion of government sectors giving priority to the recruitment of nationals.

There has been a noticeable rise in the percentage of nationals working in professional occupations over the period 1975-1985. The percentage has also been higher for nationals working in managerial, services and sales occupations reflecting a maturing occupational structure of Gulf labour force.

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Indonesia to increase gold output

JAKARTA, July 5, (OPECNA): Indonesia is to step up its yearly gold output to nearly eight tonnes a year by 1990 in a bid to raise non-oil revenues, according to the Director-General of Mining, Sutarto Sigit.

Gold prices on the world market now average around \$350 an ounce.

This year, one gold mining venture, Lusang mining, operating in northern Bengkulu province, will increase its output to one tonne a year from 562 kg. Sigit said by the end of 1988, five more ventures will begin production.

Two of the five, Indomoro and Sungai Kencana, which hold concessions in central and west Kalimantan respectively, have already submitted feasibility studies in preparation for the production phase.

Two more companies, Ampalit and Monterado, will develop concession areas in central and west Kalimantan respectively.

Other gold mining companies in the field include freeport in Irian Jaya, and Aneka Tambang in west Java.

French Airbus crash comes at crucial time for West Europe's air industry

PARIS, July 5, (Reuter): The crash at a French air show of a new A320 airliner came at a crucial time for Western Europe's Airbus consortium challenge against the might of US planemakers.

But world airlines have so far reaffirmed confidence in the high-technology airliner, which entered service only last April. Only six have been delivered.

The narrow-body A320 is the first civilian aircraft to use advanced avionics once reserved for combat planes. The 150-seat plane carries Europe's ambitions for a significant stake in a booming market for new short-haul airliners.

The French Transport Ministry has said initial investigations of the crash of an Air France A320, in which three people died on June 26, cleared the aircraft of blame.

Airlines such as Pan Am, which will take delivery of the first A320s in the United States next year, have confirmed orders since the accident.

"The airlines were quite rightly concerned after the crash but the investigators' initial findings

have shown the plane was not to blame and that has allayed their fears," an Airbus spokesman said.

Aviation analysts consider the Airbus Industrie goal of taking one third of the world airline market by 1991, with its varied range of models, to be feasible.

It now accounts for more than 20 per cent of the market.

"Once the entire Airbus family is in the air they may achieve their target. The planes are certainly good enough," said Ian Wild, aviation analyst with London securities house Barclays de Zoete Wedde.

Estimated

At stake is not only a major European export industry, but also an estimated 35,000 jobs across the continent and around \$6 billion in development costs alone.

The Airbus consortium was formed in 1970 by Britain, France, West Germany and Spain to build a family of European jetliners to rival US giants Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

The US market in particular is crucial to Airbus' growth but the

European group has had a stormy relationship with the United States.

Boeing and the US government have accused Airbus of receiving an unfair advantage from hefty government subsidies totalling some \$10 billion since it was established.

The Europeans have countered that US manufacturers also receive large amounts of government money through military contracts and tax advantages, estimated to be worth about \$23 billion over the same period.

"Airbus brought a third force to the aircraft market, especially among airlines which didn't necessarily want to put all their eggs in an American basket," said James Halstead, international airlines analyst with Salomon Brothers in London.

Although most Airbus are in service with European carriers, Asian lines including Korean Air, Indian Airlines and Singapore Airlines have placed major orders.

And in the United States, Airbus counts Northwest, Eastern, Continental and American Airlines among its major clients.

Battle to save marine industry

British shipbuilders facing a bad time

SUNDERLAND, England, July 5, (Reuter): British shipbuilders face a stormy seas this summer as they battle to save the remnants of a merchant marine industry that once dominated world trade.

The northern city of Sunderland is the latest port to feel the cold winds battering the shipbuilding industry. Empty order books may force a slowdown this summer ending a 500-year history of shipbuilding.

The Royal Devonport naval dockyard faces a strike over planned layoffs, while the Barrow yard building Britain's new Trident nuclear-armed submarines is already at a standstill because of a strike over holidays.

Resurgence

The storm comes as maritime experts predict a resurgence in business dogged for 15 years by falling world trade and cut-price competition from Japan and South Korea.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is bent on shedding nationalised yards like North East Shipbuilders (NESL) which she says have lost £2 billion (\$3.5 billion).

But British Maritime League director Michael Ranken described government policy as shortsighted and dangerous.

"It's a policy of despair and impudence. From the military point of view, we're in real trouble if we don't keep our merchant fleet and shipbuilding capacity up," he said.

"An industry vital to this country's welfare and security is being thrown to the wolves," he added.

Grave

An all-party parliamentary defence committee protested in a recent report that the decline in British shipbuilding was reflected in the rundown of the British-flagged merchant fleet from 1,614 vessels in 1975 to 410 in February.

"This lack of such resources represents a grave deficiency in our ability to deter," a committee report said.

Ranken saw more immediate dangers.

"This fall-off in shipbuilding and ship carrying capacity makes it impossible to match the merchant fleet operation that helped Britain to victory in the (1982

Anglo-Argentine) Falklands war," he said.

Defence experts say naval shipyards could also face serious trouble if the government further delays orders for warships to reinforce its flagging surface fleet.

The Defence Ministry has pledged to keep its force at 50 frigates and destroyers. But critics insist the Royal Navy is now operating well below this level.

Three red-painted ferries moored on the banks of the River Wear are a constant reminder of Sunderland's plight.

The Danish firm that ordered 24 vessels complain they were not up to specification and is backing out of the deal, leaving Sunderland to scour Europe for new buyers.

The order books in this area, which built more than 300,000 tons of ships a year at the turn of the century, are now blank.

Dozens of yards throughout the country have already gone under since the international shipping war began in the 1970s. Derek Duffy, leader of a trade union "save our shipyard" cam-

paign, told a Reuter correspondent during a recent visit to the area: "We just ask a breathing space until orders pick up—then we can offer one of the world's most sophisticated yards. Men here know if they lose their job they may never work again."

Refuse

Despite pleas from the City Council, London seems likely to refuse a £28 million (\$40 million) subsidy to clinch a £100 million (\$1.8 million) Cuban cargo ship deal.

Shipping experts predict that by the mid-1990s, hundreds of ships ordered and delivered in the mid-1970s will be ready for the scrapyards, raising demand for more new merchant vessels.

World demand rose last year to 16.6 million consolidated gross tons (CGT) from the 1986 level of 15.6 million.

CGT reflects the total fitting and building involved in producing a ship, besides the crude weight of the vessel.

A decline in the strength of South Korean and Japanese shipyards, who now control 70 per cent of the market, also stokes optimism.

ASHRAF & CO. RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL AWARD.



An impressive gathering of international businessmen and dignitaries witnessed the awards ceremony of the 5th International Arab Trophy 1988, held in Geneva on 27th June.

Ashraf & Co., were proud recipients of this accolade, awarded in recognition of their achievements as leaders of trade and industry in this country, international relations and furthermore, as an endorsement in acknowledgement of the company's quality and prestige.

Mr. Abdul Aziz K. Abdul Razzak, Managing Director of Ashraf & Co., was present to receive this Trophy, on behalf of his company, awarded by Editorial OFFICE of Spain.

Established in 1952, Ashraf & Co. is the distributor for Kodak and many other prestigious photographic companies. The company has its own retail centres as well as a very well established network of dealers throughout Kuwait. In fact, Ashraf's processing laboratory is one of the biggest in the whole Middle East.



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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEY LIFE	316/0
ADT LTD	137/0
ALD LYONS	424/0
AMSTRAD	208/0
ARGYLL GP	186/0
ASDA GP	161/0
BAA	273/0
BTR	280/0
BAT INDS	425/0
BARCLAYS	406/0
BASS	785/0
BEAZER	188/0
BEECHAMS	464/0
BERRISFORD	365/0
BICC PLC	329/0
BLUE ARROW	107/4
BLUE CIRC	430/0
BOC GP	423/0
BOOTS CO	224/0
BPB INDS	270/0
BR COMM	257/0
BR AIRWAY	149/4
BR AEROSP	419/0
BR GAS RG	182/0
B.P.	287/0
B.P. NEW	60/0
BR TELCOM	57/24
BUNZL	147/0
BURMAN OL	532/0
BURTON	224/0
CABLESWIR	359/0
CADBURYS	397/0
CADIS VTY	245/0
CCM UNIT	374/0
CONS GOLD	075/0
COOKSONS	260/0
COURTAULD	330/0
DALGETY	327/0
DEE CP	192/0
DIXONS	175/0
END CHINA	452/0
ENTER OIL	465/0
FKI BABCK	123/0
FERRANTI	86/0
GEN ACCID	891/0
GEN ELEC	164/0
GLARO	960/0
GRANADA	317/0
GLOBE	142/0
GLYNED	308/0
GUARD MET	505/0
GUARD RYL	925/0
GUY	319/0
GUINNESS	328/0
HAMMERS A	637/0
HANSON	140/0
HAKER SID	495/0
HILLSDOWN	288/0
ICI	095/0
IMI	205/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	12/4
2ND ALLCE	738/0	737/0
A B PORTS	540/0	540/0
A.B.ELECT	426/0	428/0
AMB KENT	93/0	93/0
AM HLD	279/0	280/0
AARONSON	115/0	116/0
ACRE OIL	219/0	220/0
ADISON	39/0	39/0
ADVEST	367/0	366/0
ALEX MKW	169/0	171/0
ALEXON	382/0	380/0
ALLD COLL	134/0	134/0
ALLD B	245/0	245/0
ALLD LND	128/0	128/0
ALLD PLNT	57/0	57/0
AMAR	263/0	264/0
AMEC	376/0	376/0
AMER TRST	412/0	412/0
AMERSHAM	460/0	461/0
AM HLTIC	268/0	268/0
ANGLO O'S	213/0	214/0
AUSBACHER	84/0	84/0
APPLYARD	450/0	450/0
APRICOT	115/0	116/0
APV PLC	126/0	127/0
ARAB ENGT	80/0	81/0
ARCHER AJ	147/0	146/0
ARLINGTON	191/0	191/0
ARMSTRONG	134/0	134/0
ASS NEWS	489/0	491/0
AT ASST	50/0	50/0
AT ASST W	10/0	10/0
ATLANTIC CN	378/0	381/0
ATTWOODS	300/0	301/0
AUS REE A	278/0	277/0
AUST REED	378/0	380/0
AUTO SEC	265/0	265/0
AVON RUBB	709/0	710/0
B.WEMHILL	176/0	176/0
BAILL SHI	85/0	85/0
BAIRD (N)	266/0	267/0
BANK IRE	227/0	225/0
BANKER IT	70/4	71/0
BARKER DO	142/0	142/0
BARRY DEV	185/0	185/0
BAYNES C	29/0	29/0
BBA GROUP	165/0	165/0
BELMAY	48/0	48/0
BELMAY	265/0	265/0
BENKOW	221/0	220/0
BENKOW HD	51/0	51/0
BENTALLS	184/0	183/0
BENKLEY	329/0	328/0
BKH GROUP	129/0	128/0
BO OF SCO	390/0	389/0
BLACKWOOD	54/0	54/0
BLK LE 2	17/2	17/4
BUNNETT +F	35/0	35/0
BOASE MAS	255/0	255/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1485.3	1478.3	1485.2	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1047.1	1047.1	1053.7	957.6
FT ALL SHR	963.88	958.24	963.88	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.17	87.54	87.92	88.49
FT GOLD HM	213.5	213.1	208.4	207.2
FT FINES F	521.13	521.13	520.93	517.46
FT OIL	1803.1	1803.1	1811.7	1834.0
FT WLD DLR	125.09	126.21	127.90	126.05
FT WLD STG	110.19	110.00	110.31	109.51
FT WLD LOC	115.38	115.76	116.28	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES AT HIGHS IN AFTERNOON TRADING. LONDON, JULY 5, REUTER - SHARES WERE TRADING AT THEIR HIGHS IN QUIET AFTERNOON BUSINESS, MOVING UP AGAIN AFTER A MAINLY STEADY SESSION IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOVERY FROM OPENING WEAKNESS ON WALL STREET TODAY, DEALERS SAID.

THE MARKET WAS RECOVERED MOST OF THE GROUND LOST AFTER MONDAY'S 1/2 POINT BASE RATE RISE TO 10 PCT AND IS NOW TRACKING WALL STREET IN THE ABSENCE OF STRONG DOMESTIC FACTORS. NO MAJOR U.K. ECONOMIC INDICATORS ARE SCHEDULED UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

BY 1427 GMT, THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS UP 7.5 POINTS TO THE DAY'S HIGH OF 1,485.3. THE MAIN FEATURE TODAY WAS NEWS OF COOKSON'S 6.3 PCT TAKE ACQUISITION IN JOHNSON MATTHEY.

METAL REFINER JOHNSON MATTHEY WAS 89P HIGHER AT 390 FOLLOWING COOKSON'S ACQUISITION OF THE STRATEGIC STAKE. COOKSON SLIPPED 9P TO 263 AS INVESTORS SPECULATED WHETHER COOKSON WOULD MAKE A FULL BID FOR JOHNSON MATTHEY.

SOME MARKET PARTICIPANTS SEE THE POSSIBILITY THAT COOKSON WILL MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS ISSUE TO FUND ANY TAKEOVER. BUT MINING AND INDUSTRIAL GROUP CHARTERED CONSOLIDATED UP 51P TO 413. HOLDS 38 PCT OF JOHNSON MATTHEY WHICH WOULD LIKELY MAKE COOKSON WARY OF ENTERING INTO A CONTESTED BID, DEALERS SAID.

DEALERS RECKON A FULL BID FOR JOHNSON MATTHEY WOULD BE PRICED AT AROUND 400P PER SHARE VALUING IT AT SOME 700 MLN STG.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 5, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED A VERY QUIET DAY LARGELY STEADY, TRAPPED IN A TIGHT RANGE.

TRADING WAS LARGELY FEATURELESS THROUGHOUT AND IT WAS SLIGHTLY FIRMER STERLING AGAINST THE DOLLAR WHICH CAUSED GOLD TO CLOSE JUST A FRACTION ABOVE YESTERDAY, DEALERS SAID.

DEALERS DID REPORT FIRM UNDERTONES TO THE MARKET WITH TRADERS READY TO REACT TO ANY RETALIATORY MOVE BY IRAN AGAINST THE U.S. OVER THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE IRANIAN AIRLINER.

GOLD CLOSED AT 437.50/438.00 DLR AN OUNCE, UP 25 CENTS ON YESTERDAY'S 437.25/437.75 AFTER AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 437.50.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 5, REUTER - MONEY MARKET RATES WERE DRIFTING DOWN TOWARD THE CLOSE, WITH THE MARKET SEEMINGLY CONTENT WITH YESTERDAY'S 1/2 POINT RISE IN BASE RATES TO 10 PCT.

DEALERS SAID MARKET SENTIMENT HAS IMPROVED AS STERLING STRENGTHENED MARKEDLY TO STAND OVER 3.10 MARKS AND 1.70 DLR, AND BARCLAYS BANK RAISED ITS MORTGAGE RATE BY 1.35 POINTS TO 11.1 PCT.

ONE DEALER SAID, "THERE'S BEEN A COLLECTIVE SIGN OF RELIEF IN THE CITY AS RATES FINALLY HIT THE 10 PCT LEVEL THEY'VE BEEN AIMING FOR OVER THE LAST MONTH, AND THERE'S A FEELING THAT PERHAPS WE'VE REACHED A PLATEAU NOW."

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.6985/95	1.8230/35	6.1320/70	NID
STG	1.8194/8274	3.091/105	10.4220/4400	29.625/785
DMK	6.133/145	2.5766/5798	83.17/27	24.70/73
FFR	1.3170/5180	3.4930	112.72	33.475
HFL	2.055	6.70302	2.07496	6.98519
ECU	1.13784	0.769597	2.38238	8.03255
SDR	134.40/50	228.34/63		
SDR RATES	01/07/88			05/07/1988

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	30/7	31/0
ATLANTIC R	80/5	80/5
AAR CORP	26/6	27/0
ABBOTT LAB	44/4	44/4
ACME CLVD	11/7	11/7
ADV MICRO	16/3	16/4
AEROFIL LAB	8/4	8/4
AETNA LIFE	43/5	43/2
AMERSON	16/3	16/1
AIR PK-CHN	51/2	51/2
ALASKA AIR	19/2	19/3
ALBERTSONS	33/0	33/4
ALMA 8-16	0	83/5
ALCAN ALUM	31/7	31/7
ALCO STAND	24/0	24/2
AM CYANAMID	53/3	53/6
AM ELET PM	28/4	28/5
AM HON PRO	73/3	73/1
AM STADARD	0	77/6
AM STORES	50/2	50/4
AM TEL-TEL	26/2	26/5
AMOCO CORP	72/1	72/3
AMP INC	50/6	51/1
AMCO PITT	0	13/1
AMR CORP	50/2	50/6
AMR GEN CO	30/6	30/6
AMERADA NE	26/3	26/1
ANTHEM ELE	13/7	13/6
APACHE CP	7/3	7/3
ARMSTRONG	2/7	2/6
ASHLAND OIL	72/0	72/2
ASIA PACIF	6/6	6/6
ATLS CORP	0	34/2
AVERY INT	24/0	24/3
AVNET INC	24/5	24/6
AVON PROCS	23/6	23/6
BCE INC	30/5	30/6
BELLSOUTH	42/0	42/6
BELO CP	24/0	24/0
BETH STEEL	24/0	24/1
BEVERLY	7/5	7/4
BK BOSTON	26/3	26/1
BK BOSTN-A	0	44/0
BK N-YORK	35/0	34/7
BK TR-NY	36/1	36/4
BKAMERICA	14/2	14/1
BKIAN SPEC	7/0	7/0
BOEING CO	58/6	59/0
BOISE CASC	46/0	46/1
BORDEN	51/7	51/5
BOYKAT	34/5	35/0
BR TELECOM	44/0	44/0
BREIDCO-STP	3/6	3/6
BRIST-RYER	39/6	40/0
BRUNSWICK	21/3	21/6
BURBURY CO	13/0	12/7
C 3 INC	11/2	11/4
CABOT CORP	40/5	40/6
CAESARS W	28/3	28/4
CAS FREIGHT	23/2	23/0
CAS NAT GS	14/7	15/1
CAT-DOCKE	26/6	26/6
CATERPIL TR	66/5	66/4
CBT IND	30/5	30/6
CBS	160/0	160/4
CENTEL CP	45/0	45/0
CHAMP INTL	36/6	36/5
CHAMP SPA	12/4	12/4
CHARTER CO	3/6	3/6
CHASE MAN	29/6	29/6
CHENED CP	33/0	33/0
CHENIC/BK	29/3	29/3
CHEVRON	45/3	45/2
CHRYSLER	24/1	24/3
CHUBB CORP	55/7	56/0
CHUR FR CH	6/0	6/0
CIGNA CORP	46/5	46/5
CIN MILACR	25/2	25/2
CIT CIT ST	33/3	33/3
CITICORP	15/2	15/2
CLARK EQUI	33/5	33/7
CLOROX	28/6	28/7
CORPIL RES	0	1/3
CORPIL RES	25/1	25/1
CAN PAC	19/3	19/2
COACHMEN	12/3	12/3
COASTAL	28/6	29/0
COCA-COLA	38/2	38/5
COLECO	2/0	2/0
COLEMAN CO	37/3	37/5
COLG-PALIN	43/1	43/3
COLUMBUS-C	0	114/4
COM EDISON	27/1	27/3
COMAGRA	29/6	29/6
COM EDISON	43/6	44/1
CONTINENTAL	39/0	39/0
CONTEL CORP	34/3	34/6
CONTR DATA	26/7	26/7
COOPER T-R	41/2	41/0
COOPER CORP	10/3	10/3
CORNING GL	58/4	58/6
CRANE	31/2	31/3
CRAY RES	83/7	84/2
CULLINET	8/5	8/4
DANIEL IND	7/7	7/6
DATA GEN	23/4	23/4
DATAPONT	4/7	4/7
DAYTON HJD	35/5	35/5
DEERE CO	113/3	114/1
DEERE CO	45/0	45/1
DETA AIR	24/0	24/0
DIAMOND SH	15/6	15/6
DIEBOLD	40/2	40/4
DISNEY W	63/0	63/4
DOVER CORP	72/4	72/4
DOW CHEM	90/2	90/3
DOW JONES	33/0	33/2
DRESSER IN	29/1	29/2
DREYFUS	28/4	28/3
DUNCE POWER	45/4	45/5
DUN BRAD	48/7	48/7
DUPONT	0	92/0
DUKESNE	14/7	14/7
DYNAMICS	0	23/2
E SYSTEMS	30/1	29/6
EAGLE PICH	30/4	30/2
EASTERN E	24/5	24/6
ENKORON EL	31/3	31/5
ETRYL CP	3/7	22/0
EXON	44/3	44/5
FAN DOL ST	12/3	12/6
FED EXPRESS	43/7	44/1
FIELDCREST	18/7	18/6
FIM COR-AM	0	1/0
FLEETWOOD	24/1	24/2
FICORP	36/5	36/6
FORD MOTOR	52/4	52/6
FORT HANAR	54/6	54/1
FOXBORO CO	31/7	32/0
FRCHLD IND	10/6	10/6
FST BANK	23/0	22/7

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BEVERLY	7/5	7/4
BK BOSTON	26/3	26/1
BK BOSTN-A	0	44/0
BK N-YORK	35/0	34/7
BK TR-NY	36/1	36/4
BKAMERICA	14/2	14/1
BKIAN SPEC	7/0	7/0

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	OWNG	CLSG			
IN COMPANY	1.20	1.20	JOR NATIONAL BANK		
MINIUM IND.			JOR PAPER CARDBROG		
			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
ANCE DTER	3.95	3.96	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.17	1.17
ORAL CORP.	1.35	1.36	JOR PRESS/PUBLISHER	2.00	2.15
INV/IRAD.	1.00	0.99	JOR PRINTING/PACKG.	4.00	4.05
UNION INS	0.98	0.98	JOR ROCK WOOD IND.		
OR.HOTELS	0.94	0.90	JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.75	0.75
IVINVEST/BK	0.53	0.58	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.60	2.59
OR CON/TRD	2.10	2.10	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.12	1.12
ORMA.MANF.	0.32	0.31	JOR WORSTED MILL	4.52	4.52
ORMA/CHEM			JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
ORASH CO.			JOR. PETROLEUM REF		
ORSEAS INS.	0.76	0.75	JOR.FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JORDAN	---	---	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.		
INSURANCE	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL		
MAN BANK			JORDAN DAIRY		
AAKAB PRESS	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK		
VA DV/INV.	28.50	28.50	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
WEST/HOUS.	0.48	0.48	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
INVEST/IDCOR			JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK		
EDS OF FID	3.65	3.65	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JORDAN TANNING		
INVESTING	1.31	1.31	JORDAN/POULTRY	0.77	0.77
MINERALS	0.75	0.75	LACH/EGU/RENT/MAIN		
CH JENCO	1.30	1.30	HKS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
DEVELOPT BK			MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
CONV/AGR.			MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
AL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NAT. EGYPT INS.	0.60	0.55
ON/INV			NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.85	NAT/CABEL/WIRE/WF		
INVEST. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL AHLIA INS		
PETRI/CH			NATIONAL INDUSTRY		
COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
IN INS.	1.26	1.29	NATIONAL STEEL	0.25	0.28
CO/CIGARET	14.10	14.35	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	1.94	1.94
FACTORY			PETRA BANK	0.35	0.35
INS	25.01	25.05	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.81	0.84
POWER			PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.80	0.80
HOUSE			RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
INSURANCE			REAL ESTATE INV.		
INSURANCE			SHIPPING LINES	0.87	0.87
INSURANCE			SHIPPING LEVING		
INSURANCE			THE HOUSING BANK		
INSURANCE			UNITED INSURANCE		
INSURANCE			UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.17	1.23
INSURANCE			UNIVERSAL INS.	1.49	1.47
INSURANCE			WALKEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.70
INSURANCE			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-9/16	6-15/16
3 months	6-1/2	6-13/16
6 months	6-1/2	6-13/16
1 year	6-7/16	6-3/4

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	80.00	81.00	81.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.43	.44	.44
AC-A	8.70	9.80	9.70	LC-B	.46	.47	
AMS	3.90	3.95	3.75	PK-A	.39	.40	.39
FIR	3.70	3.75	3.55	PK-B	.40	.41	.41
GLD	36.00	36.00	36.00	1011 SECTOR			
PLO	186.00	187.00	184.00	BP-A	.022	.023	.022
SPS1-A	2.00	2.38	2.00	BP-B	.02	.02	.02
SWC-A	146.00	142.00	139.00	LRC-A	.0028	.003	.003
SWC-B	193.00	195.00	199.00	LRC-B	.0028	.003	.003
MINING SECTOR				OPH-A	.038	.039	.038
APX-A	.043	.044	.043	OPH-B	.039	.042	
APX-B	.044	.045	.043	OV-A	.034	.037	.036
AT-A	22.25	22.50	22.25	OV-B	.036	.038	

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE		MITSUB CP	1190	1180
AJJINOMOTO	3210	3120	MITSUB EL	925	878
AKAI ELEC	700	686	MITSUB EST	2410	2460
AKAI HVC	1010	1020	MITSUB HX	915	913
ASAHII GAS	1990	1990	MITSUI CO	934	865
ASAHII OPT	756	755	MITSUKOSHI	1670	1650
BAIK TOKYO	1550	1560	MITSU EL	1160	1160
BRIDGESTON	1290	1310	NICHICOM	1360	1360
CANON	1260	1230	NIKON CMT	864	859
CASIO COMP	1230	1250	NIP ELSEC	2100	2090
CHUGAI PHG	1530	0	NIP KKOKAN	615	562
CITIZEN U	877	880	NIP OIL	1100	1110
D-ICHI KAN	3140	3110	NIP STEEL	625	576
DAI NIP IK	808	808	NIS YUSEN	780	751
DAI NIP PT	2440	2460	NIS MOTER	1030	1010
DAI NIP SC	1080	1100	NOMURA SEC	3600	3620
DAI NIP TO	666	677	OHBA CO	998	990
DAISEI	882	872	OLYMPUS	1090	1090
DATSA H	1870	1860	PERITA CHT	876	880
DATSA SEC	2320	2330	PIONEER	3000	3020
ERRA NFG	1010	980	RENDOM	950	935
FEISAI	1970	2020	RICON	1230	1250
FUITSU	1580	1530	SANKYO	1890	1910
FUJII BANK	3160	3160	SANYO ELEC	735	707
FUJII PHOTO	3750	3680	SEIYU ST	2100	2100
FUJISAHM	1730	1750	SEKISUI PB	1690	1660
FUJITSU CP	750	755	SHARP	1230	1170
HITACHI	1500	1440	SHISEIDO	1750	1760
HONDA MOT	1670	1670	SONY	5200	5200
ISATAN	1950	1850	SUNITOMO	1080	1080
ITO YOKADA	4280	4270	TAISEI	916	916
JAP SYN RU	1270	1310	TAISHO MRN	1060	1090
JAPAN AIR	13000	13700	TAKEEDA CH	2600	2600
JAPAN NET	679	675	TEL	845	829
KAJIMA	1480	1450	TOKI MEW IX	164.11	148.25
KANSAI EL	3220	3210	TOKIO MRN	1830	1830
KAO SOAP	1780	1750	TOKYO ELEC	1180	1200
KAWASAKI H	691	647	TOKYO GAS	1040	1030
KAWASAKI S	739	696	TOKYO POKR	5730	5710
KIRIN BREW	1980	2020	TORAY IND	930	905
KOMATSU	822	781	TOSHIBA EL	960	914
KUBOTA LTD	765	757	TOTO	2100	2100
KYOCERA	5340	5340	TOYO KKOGY	707	671
MAKITA EL	1760	1760	TOYOTA MOT	2300	2290
MARUI	2940	2950	YAMAHA	1370	1340
MATSUDA E	0	2450	YAMATCHI	1850	1860
MATSUDA EL	0	2660	YAMANOUCHI	3830	3870
MEIJI SEIK	968	945	YAMAZAKI	1430	1430

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	GOODWOOD	1050	1050	LEONGHUAT	-----	
AJINOMOTO	200	200		GRAND CEN	143	140	M HTD LTD	171	171
ALEXANDRA	175	175		GS1	125	124	M HTD MFG	76.5	76
AKAL IND	83	83		GUINNESS	302	304	M'SHATA	620	620
AKR HLDGS	171	170		GULA			M'SHITA	63	63
ARCOL	145	145		H L IND.	142	140	MAGLIN	223	223
BA-808	172	170		H TAI PAN	81	81	MALED LTD	380	380
C & C	280	278		HARZ	106	106	MARCOPOLO	131	131
CARLSBERG	520	520		HAI PAR	362	360	NCB HLDGS	92	92
COLD STOR	396	396		HIMEX	89	89	METAL BLDG	434	434
DAYPAI	48	50.5		HIND HOT	58.5	56	MTC BHD	402	402
DCH	520	510		HL NEGAR	290	290	MULPANCHA	35	38
DUNLOPIN	109	108		RTL PROPS	140	138	MURATA	60	60
ELECTRA	444	444		RTL ROYAL	153	153	MYCON BHD	160	160
EUCE MACH	149	143		HUME IND	180	185	N ST TIME	358	364
ESSO ORD	404	404		INTRACO	284	280	NB TIMBER	105	105
EU YAN S	209	209		ISETAN	635	635	QUE	456	456
EVERPEACE	-----	-----		J CEMENT	76.5	77.5	P MALAYAN	275	275
F A C B	60	60		JC ENT	120	120	ROBINSON	262	265
F E ASSET	83	83		K G HLDGS	130		S PRESS	725	730
F E SHIP	230	230		K L LIND	420	420	S PRESS F	725	730
F&N ORD	905	900		KAMHUNTY	100		SANYO	95	95
FEB CABLE	-----	-----		KEUTUCKY	252	253	SATERAS	75	69.5
FUJITEC	656	656		KEPCL C P	56.5	56.5	SEAL INC	109	109
G LUMBER	109	106		K K WEL	263	262	SEAVIEW	241	240
GANDA HDG	43.5	44		KQ FLOOR	214	214	SIA FORGN	1520	1300
GEN CORP	83.5	85		KIAN JOO	141	141	SIN MHE	270	270
GOLD COIN	210	210		KINGS HTL	179	182	SPK SEKTO	60	60
				KUMP ENAS	110	110	TONG MING	210	210

Stock Market Report

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE SLIGHTLY HIGHER

SINGAPORE, JULY 5, REUTER - SHARE PRICES RECOVERED SLIGHTLY IN THE AFTERNOON, HELPED BY A 216.78 POINT RISE IN THE NIKKEI INDEX, BROKERS SAID.

THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 1.19 POINTS TO 1,095.66, AFTER SLIPPING 2.93 POINTS IN THE MORNING SESSION. ADVANCES OUTPACED DECLINES BY 104 TO 70.

TRADING WAS MODERATE AND TURNOVER INCREASED TO 43.9 MLN SHARES FROM MONDAY'S 37.7 MLN.

BROKERS SAID PRICES WERE GENERALLY LOWER IN EARLY TRADING DUE TO PROFIT-TAKING, BUT SPECULATORS AND BARGAIN HUNTERS RE-ENERGIZED IN THE AFTERNOON AND HELPED PUSH PRICES HIGHER.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-NATIONAL BANK	0.890	0.900	0.900	0.890	180000	
-GULF BANK	0.380	0.385	0.390	0.380	1040000	4
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.295	0.300	0.305	0.295	1930000	6
-ARLI BANK	0.355	0.355	0.360	0.350	150000	
-B.K.M.E	0.370	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.440	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.275	1070000	4
-K.F.HOUSE	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.455	1170000	2
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.182	0.184	0.184	0.180	620000	1
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.172	0.174	0.174	0.170	300000	
-COM.FACILITIES	0.445	0.465	0.465	0.455	830000	3
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	20000	
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.106	0.108	0.108	0.108	120000	
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.680	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.550	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-HARBA INS. CO.	0.455	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R.EST. CO.	0.226	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	1180000	2
-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.218	0.210	0.210	0.210	40000	
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.084	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-KWT PROJECTS	0.087	0.088	0.088	0.087	960000	
-KWT R.E.I.T.COM	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT.IND.	0.490	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.290	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.240	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.405	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-GULF CABLE	1.040	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.198	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-CONT.MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-K.SH.REP.CO.	0.042	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.079	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.166	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.174	280000	1
-COM.HKT.CMPX.	0.020	0.021	0.021	0.020	3280000	10
-MOBILE TELE.	0.400	0.395	0.400	0.395	180000	
-KWT COMPUTER	0.182	0.182	0.182	0.182	80000	
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-UNTD FISHERIES	0.156	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-UNTD POULTRY	0.228	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-KWT FOODS	0.295	0.295	0.295	0.295	10000	
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.067	0.068	0.068	0.068	1000000	
-BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.045	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-UNTD.GULF BK	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-COAST INVEST.	0.100	0.102	0.102	0.100	1880000	17
-A.G.I.V.CORP	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	80000	
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.620	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
-B.K.I.G.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	---

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STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1125	1100
BAER HDGS	13675	13450	OE BUEHR N	245.00	249.00
BALDISE PS	2050	2050	OE BUEHR P	260.00	262.00
BBC I A	2400	2390	ROCHE BABY	12400	12250
BK LEU I	2640	2650	ROCHE I	0	82500
BK LEU N	2340	2325	RUECKVER I	13200	13000
BK LEU PS	430	420	RUECKVER N	6010	6020
CFV	0	1110	RUECKVER P	2025	1995
CIB GEIG I	3370	3390	RY TR BK	1230	1210
CIB GEIG N	1590	1565	S BNKISL I	3250	3200
CIB GEIG P	2260	2260	S BNKISL N	605	595
CKW	0	1215	S BNKISL P	117.50	115.00
CRED SUI I	2530	2535	S BNKVRN I	572	365
CRED SUI N	470	472	S BNKVRN N	289.00	282.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1800	S BNKVRN P	308.00	305.00
ELEKTROMAT	3095	3000	SAUDOZ I	12300	10750
ENS CHEN I	3875	3850	SAUDOZ N	5190	5190
ENS CHEN P	0	0	SAUDOZ PS	2090	2025
GLOBUS I	7600	7350	SULZER N	4875	4900
GLOBUS N	0	6500	SULZER PS	430	440
GLOBUS PS	1225	1210	SVB	1750	1730
JACOBS S I	7875	7890	U SWISSAIR	1160	1155
JACOBS S N	1360	1350	U SWISSAIR N	990	985
JACOBS S P	695	690	W THUR I	5325	5350
JELN I	2520	2515	W THUR N	2500	2525
JELN PS	379	380	W THUR PS	693	682
LANDIS N	1310	1290	ZURICH I	5880	5850
LANDIS PS	122.00	123.00	ZURICH N	2540	2540
MERCK I	815	800	ZURICH PS	1930	1900

AMMAN, July 5. (Reuters): Arab finance and economy ministers meet in Amman today to discuss the future of 16 financially-strapped Arab League institutions.

Ministers and senior officials from 19 of the league's 21 members considered proposals to halve the number of Arab agencies by merging them into broader bodies.

Syria and Libya expressed reservations about the measures, recommended by a special eight-man committee headed by Lebanese acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, a source who attended the closed session said.

He said Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states were among those who favoured moves to rationalise Arab League bureaucracy and cut spending in a bid to revive the near-moribund agencies.

Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i urged greater integration among Arab economies and said the fate of League institutions should not hang only on financial considerations.

"The League ties brothers together to face common challenges and a joint destiny. So the logic of temporary profit and loss should not be dominant among them," he said.

Arab League Secretary-Gen-

eral Chadli Kibizi told the conference political splits in the Arab world had hindered development of Arab economic integration.

"Relationships among Arab countries have suffered in recent years, leading to scepticism regarding the feasibility of national (Pan-Arab) agencies. This has discouraged Arab countries from continuing to build economic integration."

The meeting of the Arab Economic and Social Council was due to end late tonight.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Finance Minister Mohamed Jassem Al Khorafi flew yesterday to take part in the extraordinary session.

While here, Khorafi will also be leading Kuwait's delegation to meetings of the Arab Economic Unity Council, commencing tomorrow, and following deliberations of the procedural committee, branching off the governing board of the Islamic Development Bank.

In an arrival statement, the Kuwaiti official said he expected that the Arab Economic and Social Council's session would be important and decisive, explaining that it would dwell on a report drawn by an expert committee on Arab specialised organisations and their future status.

FOLLOWING are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	.28141	.28283
Sterling	.47445	.47827
D.M.	1.5432	1.5553
S. fr.	1.8526	1.8681
F. fr.	.04572	.04610
It. lira	.0002079	.0002094
Jap. yen	.0020699	.0021036
B. dinar	.74628	.75045
S.UAE dir.	.07662	.07742
UAE dir.	.07500	.07542
Q. riyal	.07727	.07773
Q. riyal	.73074	.73491

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Indian Rupees		20 064
Pakistan Rupees		15 731
Sri Lankan Rupees		8 950
Philippine Peso		13 522
US dollars		282.89
Sterling Pounds		490.93
Other Money Market Fund	Bid	USD 12.85
	Offer	USD 12.86
The Islamic Fund	Bid	USD 5.78
	Offer	USD 6.30
Golden Investors	KWD	3.00%
	USD	8.25%
	GBP	9.55%
	AUD	9.75%

LONDON, July 5, (Reuters): Dining on venison used to be the privilege of deer-hunting aristocrats but government farm advisers said today it could become a low-fat substitute for other red meats on the British mass market.

The Agricultural Development and Advisory Service (ADAS) is setting up an experimental red deer farm in Herefordshire, western England, later this year.

produced 4,000 carcasses last year.

Association chairman Peter Gray said killing deer for the dinner table was still very much an upper class pastime.

"Only about a fifth of the venison consumed here is farm produced. The rest is product of the forest," Gray told Reuters.

But demand for farm venison was increasing because, unlike game deer, which could be as old as 14 years when shot, the quality of farm venison was controlled.

"Farm venison is much more tender because it is killed when between 15 and 20 months old," Gray said.

According to British government figures, cooked venison contains only about a quarter of the fat in roast beef and less than half that in roast chicken.

of Defence, yesterday signed a contract with the representative of a major US manufacturer of military supplies, whereby Kuwait will be supplied with hi-tech military equipment for special tasks.

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Pound rises in a belated reaction to interest rate rise

Dollar ends lower in quiet European trade

LONDON, July 5, (AP): The dollar ended lower in quiet European trading today as the pound surged in a belated reaction to yesterday's increase in British interest rates. Gold prices held steady.

Dealers attributed little significance to the dollar's lower rate, saying the currency traded in the same range today as it did in the previous session.

The dollar opened weakly in Europe after profit-taking pulled it lower in earlier Asian trading. But European market players, later joined by New York traders returning from their Independence Day holiday, pushed the dollar higher until it hit resistance and retreated.

Afraid
"The market still likes the look of the dollar but are little afraid of the central banks," said John Lorry, a corporate trader at Chase Manhattan Bank in London.

"I can't see how we'll get out of this range until next month's (US) trade figures."

The main beneficiary of the dollar's tight range was the pound, as Britain's relatively high interest rates pulled in money dealers said.

The Bank of England signalled a half-point increase in the British commercial banks' base lending rate to 10 per cent yesterday, but it took more than half a day for the rate to hike to have any impact on the currency, dealers said.

In London, the pound rose to \$1.7075 from \$1.6825 late yesterday. But investors remain convinced the dollar will renew its advance.

They suspect that some, at least, of the Group of Seven

industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada — may have agreed in their Toronto economic summit last month to let the dollar rebound from historic lows touched in January.

Smoothly
"As long as exchange rates are moving smoothly, it is all right," said Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa today in a comment on the dollar's recent gains.

A strong dollar means less risk of US inflation, market analysts say. Some add that it also reduces a danger that, in the run-up to the November presidential election, US interest rates may have to rise to continue to attract Japanese and other foreign money to finance America's budget deficit.

But it also means that, in some other countries, imports cost more, rising inflation in their economies and higher interest rates to curb spending and damp down that risk.

Worries on this count unsettle their stock markets and send some investors into gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, taking the bullion price.

But it is still up 17 per cent from record lows against the market at the start of 1988 and remains around the values that prevailed just before last October's global stock market crash.

Intervened
West Germany's central bank intervened, as it has done regularly in recent days, selling dollars to help push the US currency still lower. But no other central bankers joined in.

Japanese investors' worries that a weak yen means inflation seem to have eased. In Tokyo, the biggest stock market, the 225-

share Nikkei average rose 216.78 points to 27,577.17.

"People started to feel uneasy about the dollar's recent rapid rise, and there is a growing view that it is nearing its ceiling," said Hirozumi Tanaka of Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank.

Others are less sure.
"Operators are still willing to try the dollar's upside until the Bank of Japan starts selling dollars against the yen," said Tadao Hayashi of the Taiyō Kobe Bank.

"There are fears of Bank of Japan intervention but the dollar may continue to rise until the US starts to talk the dollar down," he added.

Little
But so far, the Japanese central bank has intervened little to stop the dollar's rise, unlike the Bundesbank, which intervened today after the dollar had already moved down.

The West German central bank last week pushed its key discount rate — an interest rate at which it lends money to commercial banks — back to a pre-crash of 87 level of three per cent from 2.5 per cent.

With British interest rates back to where they were last autumn, British bank accounts and bonds look more attractive to foreign investors.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late yesterday:

- 1.8235 West German marks, down from 1.8295
- 1.5165 Swiss francs, down from 1.5233
- 6.1430 French francs, down from 6.1595
- 2.0600 Dutch guilders, up from 2.0575
- 1.3550 Italian lire, up from 1.3532

— 1.2134 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2215

In Tokyo, where the business day ends as Europe's begins, the dollar fell 0.55 Japanese yen to a closing 134.30 yen. Later, in London, it was 134.20 yen.

Gold
Gold finished in London at a late bid price of \$437.25 a troy ounce, unchanged from yesterday.

In Zurich, gold was also unchanged at a bid \$437.50. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose to a closing bid of \$440.41 from \$439.64 bid at yesterday's close.

Silver prices rose on the London market where the metal was trading at a late bid price of \$5.74 a troy ounce, compared with \$6.73 bid late yesterday.

Share prices moved higher today as London players were heartened by a relatively strong opening on Wall Street.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index ended the session 6.8 points, or 0.4 per cent, higher at 1,854.8.

Trading volume was 383.2 million shares, compared with yesterday's 370.0 million shares.

Keen
In New York, the stock market edged lower today as traders returned from a long holiday weekend keen on cashing in on some profits.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 4.80 to 2,126.78 in the first half hour of trading. Losers outnumbered gainers by about 2 to 1 in the overall tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 292 up, 639 down and 452 unchanged.

Volume came to 23.79 million shares.

Analysts attributed the lower opening to profit-taking in the

wake of a lower bond market opening and Friday's lackluster equities trading session. The stock market was closed yesterday for the Independence Day holiday.

Today's session is the first opportunity the market had to react to the weekend downing of an Iranian passenger plane by the US Navy. But analysts said the incident would not be a key focus.

"The market will take it as an international incident," said Larry Wachtel, first vice-president at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

He noted that the oil and precious metals markets, which are most sensitive to such global news, had no response, and therefore "to attribute the weakness in the Dow to that (incident) would be missing the point."

Rose
Elsewhere, Paris shares rose 0.27 per cent while the All Share Swiss index rose 3.7 points to 880.2 and Amsterdam's CBS All Share index rose 0.2 points to open at 93.9.

But West German shares eased. In Sydney, the Australian All Ordinaries index rose 11.4 points to 1,571.5 while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 5.71 points to 2,681.91.

The price of gold was fixed at \$437.40 an ounce in London, down 15 cents from yesterday afternoon when it had climbed on fears international tension would rise after a US cruiser shot down an Iranian airliner on Sunday.

Oil prices, which rose slightly for the same reason on Monday, were unchanged. Brent crude oil from the North Sea traded at about \$14.20 a barrel for August delivery.

House prices across Britain jump by 10pc

LONDON, July 5, (UPI): House prices across Britain leapt by an average 10 per cent in the three months to June, the nationwide Anglia Building Society said in a bulletin published today.

The increase was the second largest quarterly price rise ever recorded by the society, which began compiling property figures in 1952.

It was beaten only by a 12.6 per cent rise seen in the third quarter of 1972, the society said.

It said the jump was mainly due to a house buying surge to beat an Aug 1 tax relief deadline after which unmarried mortgage holders will be able to claim only one lot of tax relief per property, instead of the one per person they have been able to claim up to now.

The house buying market has also been boosted by mortgage rate cuts in April and May, and by a rise in take-home pay following tax cuts in the last budget.

By the end of the year, it said house prices in Britain will have increased by 20 per cent.

"With the average price of a three-bedroom semi-detached house in London now nearly £110,000 (\$185,900), people are clearly having to look further afield for affordable homes, and are pushing up prices in the rest of the country. How far this effect can spread really depends on how long people are prepared to spend commuting to and from work," said Brian Whitfield, general manager of nationwide Anglia.

KD deposit rates ease as banks boost liquidity

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates generally eased yesterday as banks boosted liquidity by selling dollars, but tomorrow's funds jumped ahead of today's KD70 million issue of three-month Treasury bills.

Dealers said banks began selling the US currency when it slipped marginally against the dinar. The Central Bank dinar exchange rate opened at Monday's 0.28223/33 to the dollar, firming to 0.28213/23, then returned to the opening level.

Unchanged
By early afternoon, commercial banks quoted spot dinar rates of around 0.28228/32, virtually unchanged from Monday.

The dollar has gained 4.6 per cent against the dinar since Jan 1 and is now at its highest level in nine months.

Overnight funds were offered at one per cent but tomorrow's next surged as high as 6-1/4 per cent before easing to 5-3/4, five per cent.

Bidding interest persisted in one-week and one-month funds, possibly because banks wanted to position themselves for future dollar buying, dealers said.

One-week traded as low as 5-1/2 per cent after 7-1/2 per cent highs on Monday, while one-month dealt at 6-1/2 per cent after Monday business at 6-1/2 and 6-3/4 per cent. Fixed periods were quoted 1/8 point below Monday levels at 6-5/8, 3/8 for one- to 12-months.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi riyal deposits showed signs of

easing in early trade yesterday but firmed again in a volatile market dominated by speculation over a possible riyal devaluation.

Dealers said some banks began reducing long dollar positions and trying to place riyals in the interbank market to take advantage of high local interest rates. But despite the extra liquidity created, deposits stayed firm in busy trade.

Bouts of speculation against the riyal periodically hit the market, but traders said weak oil prices had increased concern the Saudi government will need to devalue to bridge its budget deficit. It has already started borrowing by issuing bonds.

Pegged
The Saudi riyal is effectively pegged to the dollar with a current parity of 3.75. In anticipation of a devaluation, banks have been building up long dollar positions in the hope of a currency gain if the Saudi currency should be adjusted lower.

One- to six-month deposits had been marked up to a uniform 8-1/2, 1/4 per cent on Monday although dealers said there was little trade at those highs. One- and three-months settled at firm 8-5/16, 1/8 yesterday and six-months at 8-3/8, 3/16 per cent.

The spot riyal was a little firmer at 3.7511/14 to the dollar after 3.7520/25 on Monday and reflecting the unwinding of some long dollar positions in the early market.

Comecon seeks to rejuvenate trading alliance

PRAGUE, July 5, (Reuters): Czechoslovak Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal opened a meeting of Communist government leaders today aimed at revitalising their 10-nation Comecon trading alliance.

Premiers of seven countries attended the start of the three-day session in Prague. Hungary, Cuba and Vietnam were represented by deputy prime ministers.

Reconstruction
"In spite of some positive changes, we must see, however, that we are only at the beginning of reconstruction, from the viewpoint of both individual countries and integration as a whole," Strougal said in an opening speech.

"Stagnation in mutual trade, low rate of development of production co-operation, slow advance in science and technology urge us to proceed more quickly and boldly," said Strougal, who is seen by diplomats as the most enthusiastic backer of reform among Prague's conservative leadership.

Under debate at the closed regular session were a collective

production strategy for 1991 to 2005, the creation of a convertible currency within the grouping, new ties with the European Economic Community and possible structural changes in the organisation itself.

But efforts to eliminate widespread inefficiency within the trading bloc are being hampered by the differing pace of economic reform among the allies.

Opposed
Romania and East Germany, highly centralised systems which say they have no need for the sort of restructuring going on in the Soviet Union, are particularly opposed to any rapid shake-up of Comecon, formally known as the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, delegation sources said.

At a meeting of Comecon Communist Party economic secretaries last month, Czechoslovakia's Jozef Lenart pointed to disagreements within the bloc and spoke of the need to overcome "ideological handcuffs" and a rigid concept of sovereignty among member states.

Reform-minded Hungary has given the strongest support to

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's efforts to revitalise the alliance with a dose of free market trade.

Comecon's effective operation as an integrated unit is stifled by the lack of a fully-exchangeable currency which would form the basis of free trade.

Carried out
Intra-Comecon deals are carried out by means of an accounting unit known as the convertible rouble and often involve goods inferior to those sold to the West for hard currency. Some member states have cut exports to their socialist allies to avoid accumulating convertible roubles they regard as having little value.

Hungarian Finance Minister Miklos Villyanyi told a parliamentary committee in Budapest that under Comecon practices, "his debt-burdened country would no longer promote exports of pharmaceuticals to its allies but instead sell them to the West to help pay off loans."

Comecon groups the Soviet Union and six Warsaw pact allies, along with Cuba, Mongolia and Vietnam.

KPI may double production

OPEC states muscle into refining and marketing of oil

LONDON, July 5, (Reuters): OPEC states are muscling in on the refining and marketing end of the oil business where the Western multinationals used to enjoy unchallenged ascendancy.

Such OPEC heavyweights as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are no longer content just to pump crude oil and try to fix the price of the barrel.

They are moving 'downstream' into the Western oil majors' territory, snapping up US and European refineries and petrochemical plants in order to protect their income through a period of over-supply and weak crude prices.

Expansion
Nader Sulian, president of Kuwait Petroleum International, said recently KPI would like to double its refining and retailing to half a million barrels daily, with further expansion possibly in Asia, Italy, Britain and the Netherlands.

"It has been an important aspect of our strategy to fill vacuums left by others leaving the market," he said.

"OPEC members are following the path of vertical integration which the majors used until the 1970s," said Irene Himona,

an oil analyst with London brokers Hoare Govett.

"By producing and refining and marketing their own oil they can guarantee outlets."

In the latest move, Saudi Arabia, largest producer in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, clinched a deal on June 16 to buy a \$800 million halfshare in three Texaco Refineries and Associated US petrochemicals.

Outlets
It hopes this will guarantee a foothold in Western markets and outlets for its Arab light crude.

For most of this century the "seven sisters" — Western oil majors Exxon, Shell, Texaco, Mobil, Gulf, Chevron and British Petroleum (BP) — owned the biggest reserves and output rights in the Middle East and elsewhere, controlling the destiny of most of the world's oil from wellhead to pump.

But the 1970s saw OPEC members nationalise their petroleum resources and start to control crude production and prices.

Several also operated refineries, but most of these were employed only in supplying their home markets with petrol and

other refined products. Most of their petroleum continued to be sold to foreign buyers who shipped it out as crude oil, refined it in their own systems and sold the products.

Recent years saw OPEC states start to change that, too.

Doubled
London stockbrokers Phillips and Drew say OPEC involvement in overseas refining doubled last year and is set to double again in 1988.

By the end of this year, members will be selling 27 per cent of their oil exports in the form of refined products.

OPEC states have been drawn by unused capacity in many Western European refineries. The prices charged for second-hand refineries are often favourable to those of building new ones.

Kuwait, with a long tradition of aggressive involvement in commerce, took the lead in the early 1980s. It now has almost 5,000 outlets in seven European nations, having bought Gulf oil's refining and marketing operations in Scandinavia and the Benelux countries and chains of British petrochemicals.

The Kuwait Investment Authority, which invests the state's

petrodollars, has meanwhile built a 22 per cent stake in BP.

Venezuela, OPEC's third biggest producer, has also built up US and European downstream interests and now has foreign refining capacity of at least half a million barrels daily.

Its interests include a 50 per cent share in refineries in West Germany, Sweden, the United States and Belgium. It also has 12.5 and 16 per cent shares in two German refineries and a five-year refinery lease in Curaçao.

Nigeria is also gearing up to become an export refiner and has been negotiating with several foreign firms to take an equity share in their refining operations.

Industry sources say Nigeria has been eyeing one or more US refineries and held preliminary talks with Sun Co. Inc. over the possible sale of some Sun downstream assets.

Interested
Iran is interested in a Mobil refinery in West Germany, while Libya owns 70 per cent of Italy's Tamoil and has links with an old Esso Refinery in Hamburg, industry sources say.

Abu Dhabi has acquired a five per cent stake in France's CFP-

Total and 10 per cent in Spanish refiners Cepsa, which helps guarantee it a market for 60,000 barrels daily of its crude.

Some oil analysts and OPEC states say such policies risk impairing the organisation's unity and making it harder for it to maintain crude oil prices.

Belkacem Nahi, Algeria's oil minister, told Reuters last February his country was seeking exploration ventures with foreigners but not refining deals.

"We are not convinced it is even a positive development for producer countries," he said.

Involvement
Greater OPEC involvement downstream could remove economic incentives to close surplus refining capacity, depressing the petroleum sector.

Of the original seven sisters, Gulf was taken over by Chevron in 1984. Texaco itself is fending off takeover moves.

The survivors express disquiet about their dwindling influence and OPEC's downstream push.

"It would be wise to retain a degree of modesty about what we can do," Shell chairman Lord Edwin van Wachenheim said recently. "It's a new ball game. It won't become any easier."

Abu Dhabi sets low prices for June oil sales

MANAMA, July 5, The Abu Dhabi National Oil Co., the largest oil producer in the UAE, was reported yesterday to have posted low prices for June retroactive crude oil sales without indicating any substantial cuts in July.

This prompted speculation that an overshooting of the UAE's production quota was fixed by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries was unlikely at least in the short term.

Texeles
Oil industry executives said that ADNOC, in telexes sent to its term-contract customers, has cut prices for its June delivery at

between \$1.10 and 1.13 compared to May's retroactive levels. ADNOC, which is Abu Dhabi's state-owned oil refining and marketing company, moved to retroactive crude-oil pricing in March after world oil prices substantially weakened and the company was unable to maintain official prices decreed by OPEC.

The sources, who could not be named under standing rules, said that since there was no indication of any pricing policy change in the telex it could mean ADNOC to market sufficient volumes of crude oil this month to substantially boost oil output as recently threatened by UAE officials.

The UAE has an OPEC-

decreed quota of 948,000 barrels per day, and UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Oteiba said that was rejected as the country was rightfully entitled to 1.5 million barrels a day.

Abu Dhabi is the major oil producer among seven emirates federated in the UAE whose central government last supported Oteiba's statements.

Jockeying
But it has remained unclear whether the UAE planned to do so immediately or was only jockeying for a position months ahead of the December bi-annual meeting of the 13-nation organisation where production levels will come up for consideration.

Officials in Abu Dhabi oil companies, who spoke on condition they not be named, have refuted the reports that the UAE will increase its output in the near future despite the standing demand for a higher OPEC quota.

"It is the huge surplus in the market and the vast oil reserves in Japan, the UAE's oil importer, which determines the size of UAE's production and not adherence to OPEC's quota," said one of the officials contacted by the Associated Press.

Refuting reports that orders were given by the Abu Dhabi government to increase their July output, the source said: "We have not received any order to this effect. The Abu Dhabi government realises that it cannot market any oil quantity over its present quota with a reasonable price."

The sources claimed that Japan was pressing for discounts, both in the UAE as well as in other Gulf oil-producing states. Japan depends for more than 60 per cent of its oil needs on

the Gulf.

The latest claim that the UAE had already repudiated the quota was made by the Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey earlier in the day.

Noting that the UAE government had not troubled to deny the reports of overshooting of the quota, the source said that the UAE call for 1.5 million barrels was "a quest to guarantee right for an increase in production."

Meanwhile, Ecuador's Energy Minister Fernando Santos blamed the UAE for the sharp drop in world oil prices, saying the country's increase in petroleum production has had the effect of "an atomic bomb" on the market.

Lack
"The drop in crude prices is the result of the lack of discipline by one of the members of OPEC," Santos said during a televised interview.

He was referring to the Arab nation's announcement that it was increasing its crude production to 1.5 million barrels a day from its OPEC-set of 948,000 barrels.

Santos said the announcement has had a "devastating effect" on the world oil market.

Dropped
"The commitment to a production ceiling is based on the understanding that all the countries must respect it. If a country does not respect its quota, the other 12 member countries will consider themselves free to produce as much as they consider necessary," he said.

Ecuador and the UAE are among the 13 countries that make up OPEC.

Santos said the average price of Ecuador's oil has dropped from \$14.19 a barrel since June 1 to \$12.83 a barrel on June 29.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 5, (Reuters): The share market overcame earlier lethargy to close higher in a resource-led buying surge following the Australian dollar's recovery. The All-Ordinaries index closed up 11.4 points at 1,571.5.

TOKYO: Share prices closed higher, ending three straight losing sessions, after a softening of the dollar eased concern among investors. The Nikkei index surged 216.78 points, or 0.79 per cent, to 27,577.17.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed slightly lower in lacklustre trading, partly due to yesterday's holiday on Wall Street. The Hang Seng index ended 5.71 points lower at 2,681.91.

SINGAPORE: Prices recovered slightly in the afternoon in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 1.19 points to 1,095.66.

BOMBAY: Share prices fell sharply for the second successive day amid fears of further protests over government plans to tax stockbrokers and jobbers on their turnover.

FRANKFURT: Shares ended higher in confused but active trading. The bourse's electronic price display system was out of action all day. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, rose to 1,483.0 from yesterday's 1,475.4.

PARIS: Shares ended near their highs in moderate trade with volume centred on a few key stocks, notably luxury goods group. The 50-share bourse index ended 0.72 per cent higher.

ZURICH: Prices closed steady to higher supported by the firm dollar and overnight gains in Tokyo. Turnover was moderate. The All-Share index added 5.8 points to 882.3.



● Abdul Aziz K. Abdul Razzak, managing director of Ashraf & Co was presented with the 5th International Arab Trophy 1988 at an awards ceremony held in Geneva on June 27.

Ashraf & Co. were the recipients of this accolade, awarded in recognition of their achievements as leaders of trade and industry in Kuwait and as an endorsement of the company's quality and prestige.

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By Kathy Cuddihy

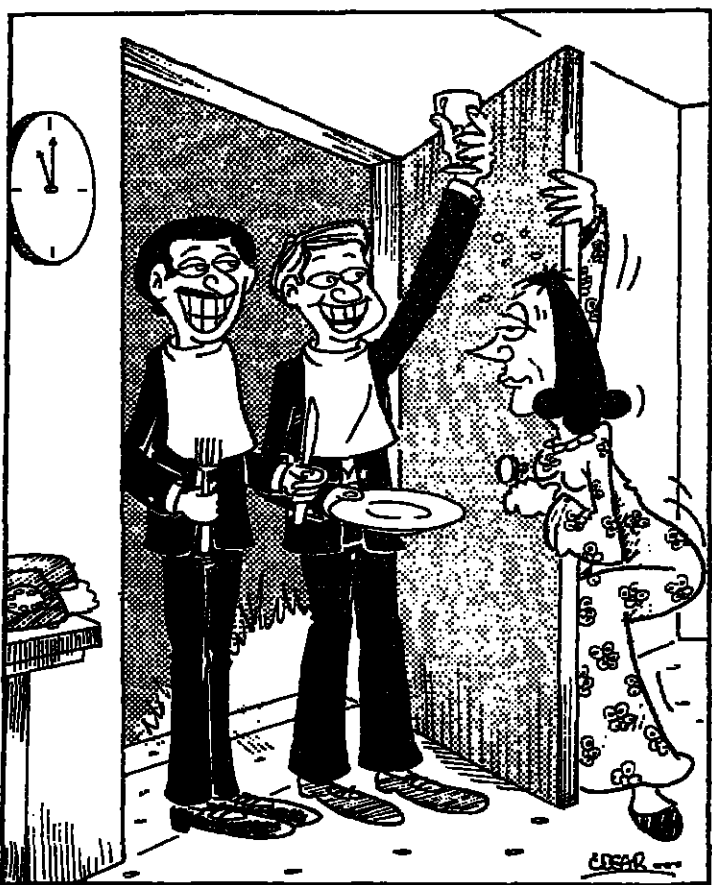
IN this part of the world, private dinner parties form the prime source of expatriate entertainment. These sorts of get-togethers serve several positive purposes.

On the most basic level, they save the invitees the bother of having to whip up an haute cuisine meal — a most welcome consideration in our house. On a much higher plane, they keep alive the dying art of conversation, a facility which the almighty television is managing to muffle slowly but ever so surely in many circles. But perhaps one of the most endearing facets of dinner parties is their sheer entertainment value. In our many years here, some of the dinners we've attended or held ourselves have been particularly memorable, but not always in a way a social hostess might intend.

The obvious examples are of things that go wrong. I mean, who hasn't had some sort of menu disaster? I remember planning a gourmet meal with crab-filled crepes as a starter. I prepared the crepes in the morning. That evening when I went to fill them, I was horrified to notice that in the intervening hours they had acquired a rash of green growth. Mold. Help! My first impulse was to proceed as planned and tell inquisitive guests that they were eating avocado-flecked crepes, but conscience intervened (not to mention a husband who was appalled that I would even consider such a ruse!).

One of my frequent faults is to enjoy the pre-dinner socializing too much and forget that I'm the person who is supposed to cook the dinner. On one

Dinners remembered...and forgotten



occasion I sneaked a peek at my watch to see if I could eke out a few more minutes of stimulating conversation before relegating myself to the kitchen. Good grief! The big hand was on the 12 and the little hand was on the 11. I know how time flies when you have fun, but this was ridiculous. We had missed dinner! How amazing that the guests had been so tolerant! I caught my husband's eyes and signalled him into the kitchen for a panic consultation.

"Relax, Kathy, your watch must have stopped. It's only nine-o'clock. But since you're standing in front of the stove, maybe it

would be a good time to put on the vegetables?" Whew.

It is interesting to observe guests and hosts in categories such as nationality, marital status, and social position. The English, for example, have a penchant for party games. Their dinners are often the most fun, although I hate that initial feeling of idiocy when I've been asked to stand up and do some ridiculous mime. Most Americans like to eat early. Their stomachs are conditioned to grumble in protest if food isn't on the table by six o'clock. More often than not, bachelors are blatantly on time — to

the minute. Their punctuality sends hostesses into a tizzy because they're usually still getting ready when the dreaded doorbell rings. Socialites, on the other hand, are notoriously tardy. It's a good idea to invite them half an hour earlier than anyone else. That way they'll only be about an hour late and can still make a grand entrance at the hors d'oeuvres stage of the evening.

Then there are the guests who try to be on time, but get lost along the way. Sometimes it's not their fault: unbeknown to the host, the landmarks he has indicated on his map have been moved overnight. A few guests, though, simply can't follow directions. One couple we invited for the first time took a wrong turn and ended up along a desert track where they accidentally hit a rambling donkey. After wandering aimlessly, they eventually got back onto a main road, found a phone, and informed us (in a mild state of hysteria) that they no longer wanted to come to dinner. We never saw them again.

Intense socializing can become downright confusing. We used to entertain so frequently that I couldn't always remember whom we had invited. The situation came to a climax at a dinner for which I had carefully prepared the courses in individual dishes. After all the guests had supposedly arrived, the doorbell rang. There stood two cleaned and scrubbed men who had been to our home many times. Ordinarily I would have invited them in right away,

but in this instance I worried that if they came in they might not leave (bachelors can be funny at the smell of home cooking) and I couldn't stretch the dinner. When standing on the porch finally became awkward, I asked them in. Persistently, they stayed. When I took a second head count to see if anyone was missing, I realized that the "extra" men were actually part of the original guest list.

Confusion isn't limited to know whom you've invited. It can extend to knowing when you're invited. It's decidedly discomforting to get dressed to the nines and go out... only to be told by the host that you're a week early.

Nevertheless, this predicament isn't nearly as grim as arriving one week too late. A dentist friend had been warned about the seriousness of his faux pas by his university professor: "Because of the complexity of your profession, you will make one, or both, of the following mistakes: You will either pull out the wrong tooth or you will miss an important dinner engagement." Eventually the professor's prediction came true... and the dentist wished he had pulled out the wrong tooth.

Have you noticed that throughout this article on dinners I haven't once mentioned the quality (or lack of quality!) of the food? That's because dinner parties are seldom about food. They're about people... and the unwittingly memorable events which surround them.

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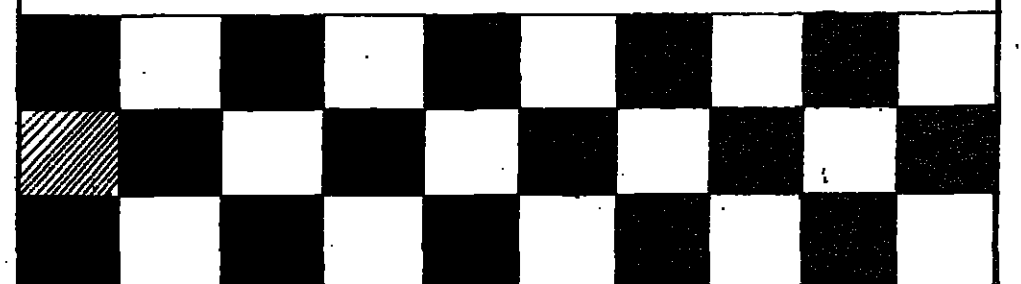
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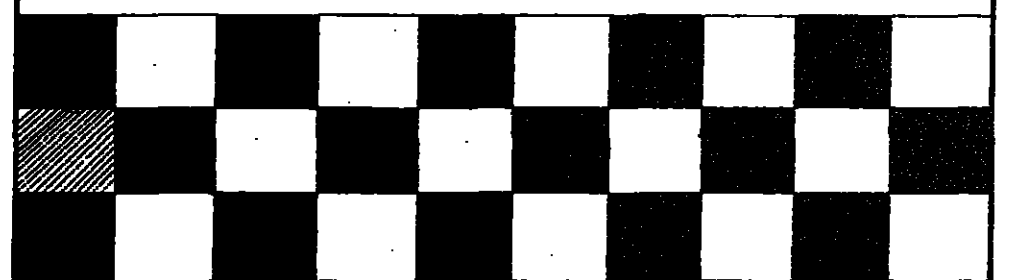
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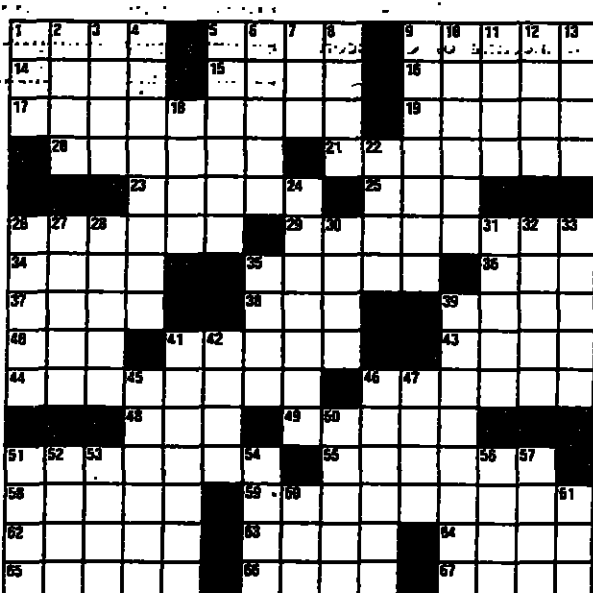
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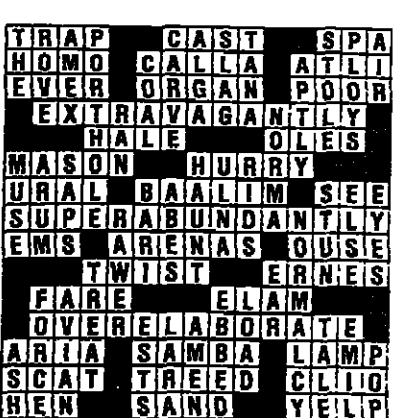
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 - 5 Metal wedge
 - 9 Party handout
 - 14 Soft drink
 - 15 Musical ending
 - 16 Visualization
 - 17 Italian eateries
 - 19 Congo, today
 - 20 Turkish headwear
 - 21 Sounded like bacon frying
 - 23 Stay stationary, as a ship
 - 25 Chihuahua cheer
 - 26 Ohio home of Warren Harding
 - 29 Herbs resembling Indian pipes
 - 34 Yes
 - 35 Fraternity letters
 - 36 Musical syllable
 - 37 Pizzazz
 - 38 Gauch's gold
 - 39 Mideast notable
 - 40 Complete
 - 41 Story
 - 43 Nothing, in Madrid
 - 44 Legislative sittings
 - 46 Parts of an act
 - 48 Worldwide labor go.
 - 49 Chemical compound
 - 51 Derriding
 - 55 Cuban dances
 - 58 Liquid fat
 - 59 Gradually paid off a debt
 - 62 Confidence game
 - 63 Region
 - 64 Author Grey
 - 65 Ballads
 - 66 Imitated
 - 67 Within: Prefix
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- 1 Horned viper
 - 2 Close-fitting cap
 - 3 Cutting tool
 - 4 Shining brilliantly
 - 5 Silver
 - 6 Lift
 - 7 "Sweet as apple cider" girl
 - 8 Religious service
 - 9 Comes to nothing
 - 10 Overwhelms with wonder
 - 11 Colorado resort
 - 12 Dreaded one
 - 13 "Ten Days That Shook the World" author
 - 18 Pinza of opera fame
 - 22 Multi Island's neighbor
 - 24 Wearisome
 - 26 Labyrinth
 - 27 Chemical
 - 28 Savers
 - 30 Believe — Not
 - 31 The supreme self, in Hinduism
 - 32 Self-esteem
 - 33 Post Teasdale et al.
 - 35 Blessing
 - 39 Rouse into activity
 - 41 Metal shavings
 - 42 Diving bird
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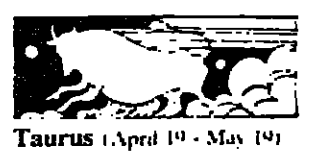


YOUR STARS



Aries (March 21 - April 18)

Today nothing will go quite as you would have wished but you will be able to cope. You should avoid enveloping yourself in a dream world. Do not expect others to do everything you would wish them to. Be more observant.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The prospects of success are better but you must still work hard to achieve it. Make sure you do not allow your ideas to get into a muddle. Do something that will please your friends as well as your partner. Be cordial.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You should avoid doing anything that might give rise to a bad habit or an addiction. You should try to keep calm and avoid doing anything too controversial just now. You should resist a tendency to be contradictory and non-cooperative. Be tolerant.



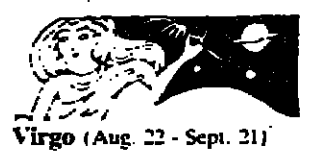
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will feel in a happier frame of mind and should try to pass on a bit of goodwill. Make sure you look out for bad drivers. Do not rely on luck to get you out of trouble financial or other. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

There will be some tension and you should try to avoid making it worse. You should both work hard and leave yourself time for your leisure pursuits. You should do all you can to maintain harmony with your colleagues at work. Be more generous.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will not be in the best of moods and must do your utmost to avoid giving offence. You have good reason to be a little more optimistic. You should avoid eating so much that you put on weight. Be moderate.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You are more liable to make mistakes and should be on the lookout for them. You should be careful when doing something slightly out of the ordinary. Make sure you do not leave any doors or windows unlocked. Be responsive.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will have good reason to be satisfied with yourself. A child of yours will do something rather unexpected. You should not allow a hobby to become an obsession. Be considerate.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be disappointed with the way things have gone recently. However there will be a change in your fortunes shortly. You must beware of spending more than you know you can afford. Be reasonable.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Others will be more kindly disposed towards you. You will have a good idea which will help you to solve a problem. Do not ask for more than you know you deserve. Be realistic.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should make sure you stick to what is strictly practical and practicable. You should think less of what you might have done, more of what you are going to do. Do not be too fond of the sound of your own voice. Be reliable.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will be able to take advantage of a favourable situation. You should not take any great risks just now, particularly where your finances are concerned. You should leave yourself with an alternative. Be cautious.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



NEW WIMBLEDON CHAMPION CONTINUES SWEDISH DYNASTY

Edberg overcomes Becker power

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): Stefan Edberg of Sweden demonstrated brilliantly in becoming Wimbledon men's champion that in grasscourt tennis he who has the greater power does not necessarily achieve the glory.

The expectation that the sheer strength of Boris Becker's game would dominate the rain-interrupted final which ended yesterday was reflected in the West German's status as overwhelming favourite.

After all, the 20-year-old former champion had confirmed his affinity for the fast lawns of the All England Club by rocketing through his first six matches which included confrontations with title-holder Pat Cash and world number one Ivan Lendl for the loss of one set.

Acquisition
And in the final itself, which started on Sunday, Becker's fierce acquisition of the opening set in which he won six of the last seven games after losing the first three can hardly have bolstered the third-seeded Edberg's confidence.

But the tide turned in the second set in which Edberg, in his first Wimbledon final, prevailed 7-2 in the tie-break and it was at a cost of just 11 service points in the third and fourth sets that he won the match 4-6 7-6 4-6-2.

Just as Jimmy Connors discovered in his memorable upset defeat by fellow-American Arthur Ashe in 1975, Becker found there is more to grasscourt tennis than striking the ball with intimidating force.

He found himself confronted by a man with a more complete



Edberg (left) holds the winner's trophy as he receives another prize, a kiss from his girlfriend Annette Olsen, while Becker looks distraught as he moves off the court. (Reuters wirephoto)



all-court game. Edberg's second serve is perhaps the best in the game, his speed about the court is breathtaking and the quality of his volleying, on this occasion at least, without equal.

Whereas in his earlier matches Becker had required only one or two strokes to win a point, against Edberg's rock-solid, stiff-wristed volleying he found after three or four shots he was still engaged in combat.

It was all too much for the young West German who was seeking to become champion for the third time before his 21st birthday following his wins here in 1985 and 1986.

He admitted he had been drained by his earlier exertions. "I was beating the defending champion, I was beating the number one," he said of his wins over Cash and Lendl, "and when I came to the final it was like 'what the hell am I doing here? I've done already everything I have to do, and still I have to win it.' That I think is what made it so difficult for me."

But it is doubtful that even without the physical hurt he felt from those matches he could on the day (or rather days) have overthrown a man in such sublime form as Edberg.

"After I won the second set I felt very comfortable," Edberg said. "I was serving so well, volleying so well, he didn't know what to do."

The final was also a triumph for a man who keeps his aggression and self-confidence deep within himself.

Becker wears both on his sleeve. There is a bellicose air about the way he plays the game and he taunted the Swede before the tournament with a remark about his mental hardness. "He will lose not because he isn't good enough but because he thinks he isn't good enough."

But there was no smugness from Edberg when asked about

this assessment after the final. "Mental strength, well, I've proved something to myself. And to other people," he said quietly.

In the final rally of the match there was a hint of a concession from Becker that he had at last recognised Edberg to be a worthy fighter.

The Swede was standing before him at the net as Becker bore down on a simple backhand. Two or three times in the match the West German had taken advantage of such a situation to rattle his opponent by driving the ball straight at him.

This time, though, he faltered before tannely putting the ball in the net. It was almost as if he were laying down his arms before the better man.

All that was left was for Edberg to address the traditional question of whether being Wimbledon champion would change his life. The answer was as emphatic a 'no' as Edberg could muster.

"Life may change but I will not," he said. "People will recognise me. But if I respect people they will respect me back."

Accused
"If you compare me to Boris, he's what I would call a big star... he wants to be a big star and he acts like a big star."

Though he is often accused of lacking a sense of humour, Edberg told an assembled news conference less than 10 minutes after his centre court triumph: "It hasn't changed me, and I don't think it will."

Sweden's success in world tennis began by Bjorn Borg over a decade ago and continued by



Edberg and Annette Olsen jubilantly pose for a photographer. (Reuters wirephoto)

Edberg and Mats Wilander — gives the Davis Cup holders a monopoly of all the major titles in 1988. Wilander, who will now drop to third in the world rankings behind Edberg, heads for the US Open in September as the holder of the French and Australian titles.

Of the past and future, Edberg said: "This is something I have worked towards for a long time... it's been my main target and to come through and win means the hard work has paid off. I feel very good about it."

"I know more and more people will now recognise me, but I'll try to be the same person."

Although the centre court was almost full to capacity, the atmosphere was one of slight anti-climax.

"It didn't really feel like a Wimbledon final out there with all the weather, breaks and aggravations in the locker-room," added Edberg, who also paid tribute to Borg, the inspiration of the current Swedish school.

"I watched all his Wimbledon finals. Bjorn was a big influence on me, not on my game but as a person and a player."

"Now I have won Wimbledon, too, and for that I should thank him."

Guard against possibility of terrorism at Olympics: Takeshita

CANBERRA, July 5. (UPI): Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita yesterday warned Australia and other countries to be on the alert to prevent terrorists infiltrating the upcoming Seoul Olympics.

Takeshita told Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke that because 80 per cent of athletes and people flying to Seoul transit through Japan, his country had a particular interest in security measures.

He said he was "concerned that there should be a peaceful Olympics," and warned Australia should be on guard against the possibility of terrorist activities.

Takeshita has raised the same security issue with other world leaders he has met since becoming prime minister of Japan last November, officials said.

However, they said there was no move to propose a specific security co-operation programme, either with Australia or any other country. Meanwhile, a North Korean official said South Korea's refusal to accept its proposals on co-hosting the Olympic Games this summer are aimed at perpetuating the division of Korea. North Korea's official news agency reported yesterday.

The senior official of North Korea's Olympic Committee also denied allegations the North wants to shut Seoul out of hosting the Olympics, according to the government-run Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo.

Artifice
"The vilification of our co-hosting proposal by the South Korean authorities is no more than an artifice to... use the Seoul Olympics for the perpetuation of the division of Korea," the official said.

Calling the refusal of Seoul to accept the complete opening of free travel across the demarcation line between the two countries "despicable," the report quoted the official as saying North Korea's "Olympic committee, along with the South Korean people, will fight to the end for the realization of the Olympic co-staging..."

KCNA did not identify the official by name.

The Olympics Games are scheduled to begin in Seoul on Sept. 17, and North has threatened to boycott the Games unless it is made a co-host. The International Olympic Committee has rejected this, saying the Games are awarded only to a single city.

The Korean peninsula was divided in 1945 at the end of World War II into the communist north and the capitalist south. The two sides, which fought a bloody war in 1950-53, remain bitter enemies.

ATHLETICS

Johnson and coach mend differences

TORONTO, July 5. (Reuters): World champion sprinter Ben Johnson, and his coach have cleared up some misunderstandings between them and will resume training together, an official with Johnson's local track club said yesterday.

Earl Ross, who 25 years ago founded the Optimists Track Club, told Canadian press in an interview yesterday that he met with Johnson and his coach, Charlie Francis, last week. "We sat down and said 'what are the problems?' And there didn't appear to be any," said Ross.

Reports circulated last month that Johnson and Francis had decided to split up over differences concerning Johnson's recuperation from a leg injury.

Francis apparently wanted Johnson to accompany other members of the Optimists Club on a European tour so the team therapist could work on the sprinter's left hamstring, which was first injured in February and then again in May.

Johnson decided he wanted to go to the Caribbean island of St Kitts to see his personal physician.

Preparation
Johnson, who under Francis' guidance set a world record of 9.83 seconds in the 100 metres at last summer's World Athletics Championships in Rome, had told some reporters he would coach himself in preparation for the summer Olympics.

Ross said his meeting with Francis and Johnson revealed that "an awful lot of the problems were just misunderstandings all the way around."

"Ben is in a very, very positive (frame of) mind right now," said Ross. "He's ready to head for the gold medal at Seoul and the less he has to stand back and analyse, the better."

Ross said Johnson and Francis will resume training in Toronto this week. Johnson is scheduled to compete at the National Championships, which start on August 5 in Ottawa.

Smith upsets Anger

Masur takes Bauer to task

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 5. (UPI): No. 4 seed Wally Masur of Australia, sparked by a lunging save in the second-set tiebreaker, defeated American Mike Bauer 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) yesterday in the first round of the \$150,000 Hall of Fame tennis championships.

In the day's only upset at the historic Newport casino, Roger Smith of the Bahamas, ranked 138th, beat No. 7 seed Matt Anger of Aples, California, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. The tourney is the only American grass court stop on the men's pro tour.

Also advancing on Monday was No. 8 Derrick Rostagno, Brentwood, California, a 6-3, 6-2

winner over Larry Scott of New York.

Masur, who upset John McEnroe at Wimbledon, won the final four games of the first set and broke Bauer for a third straight time to open the second set. Bauer then broke right back, and the match stayed on serve until the two traded breaks in games nine and 10.

Bauer, of Emeryville, California, appeared to take command of the tiebreaker when he was serving at 4-3, but Masur stayed alive with the play of the match.

He lunged at a Bauer smash, getting just enough of his racket on the ball to keep it in play, and Bauer made an unforced error on

the ensuing volley.

His failure to win the point seemed to take him out of the match emotionally, and Masur then broke Bauer again to take a 5-4 lead. Masur then closed out the match on his serve, taking the tiebreaker, 7-4, on an ace.

"I actually had two lucky points in the tiebreaker," said Masur, currently ranked 64th in the world, "and that swung the tiebreaker in my favour."

Commenting on his play on Bauer's smash, Masur added, "On any other court, that would have bounced 10 feet over my head, but it hit the grass and held up and gave me another hit at it, so I was lucky."



Wally Masur

Shelby takes Dodgers to victory

NEW YORK, July 5. (AP): John Shelby says he'd rather leave the heroics to his teammates. Happily for the Los Angeles Dodgers, his actions didn't match his words.

"I'd much rather someone else get the big hit, and me just get the regular hits — because then they'd be doing this interview instead of me," Shelby said last night after his tie-breaking, two-run single in the bottom of the eighth gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-3 victory over the St Louis Cardinals.

Pinch-hitter Jose Gonzalez led off the eighth with a double and went to third on Steve Sax's bunt single. After a forceout and a popout, John Tudor, 4-3, intentionally walked Mike Marshall after going to a 3-0 count, loading the bases.

Alejandro Pena, 3-3, went three scoreless innings for the victory and Belcher pitched the ninth for his third save.

The Dodgers stretched their lead over second-place San Francisco to 5-1-2 games in the NL West while the Cardinals, the defending League champions, dropped to five games under .500 and remained 13-1/2 games behind the Mets in the East.

Reds 5, Mets 1
After getting the word from general manager Murray Cook that manager Pete Rose's job was

not in jeopardy, the Reds spoiled fireworks night at Shea stadium by beating the Mets for the first time in seven games this season. Jose Rijo allowed six hits before John Franco came on to get the last out after New York's Dave Magadan singled in the Mets' only run. Rijo struck out 10 and walked three.

Cubs 3, Giants 2
Chicago's Greg Maddux pitched a four-hitter for his eighth straight victory and Manny Trillo singled in the winning run in the top of the ninth. After a walk to Jody Davis in the fourth, Trillo singled in the game-winner off Scott Garrelis to move the Cubs into second place in the East, seven games behind the Mets.

Padres 4, Pirates 3
The Padres, who wasted a two-run lead in the ninth, won it in the bottom of the 10th on Chris Brown's RBI single. The Pirates tied the game in the ninth on Jose Lind's single. Andy van Slyke's double, Bobby Bonilla's RBI grounder and a wild pitch by Mark Davis, 3-6.

Athletics 4, Indians 2
Lightning struck twice as Oakland's Mark McGwire and Minnesota's Kent Hrbek used their bats instead of firecrackers for holiday explosives.

McGwire hit a game-winning

home run in the 16th inning for the second day in a row as the Athletics beat the Cleveland Indians 4-2. Meanwhile, Hrbek hit two home runs for the second time in three games as the Twins defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 3-1.

"Sure, I thought about doing it again," said McGwire, who snapped a 2-2 tie with a leadoff homer off Brad Havens. "I'm tired of playing extra-inning ball games. I think there should be a limit — flip a coin or something."

The Athletics, who have won five in a row and lead the AL West by six games over Minnesota, are 9-2 in extra-inning games and 7-0 in games that have lasted at least 13 innings. Greg Cadaret worked 3-1-3 hitless innings for the victory and Dennis Eckersley pitched the 16th for his Major-League-leading 25th save.

The rival starters, Oakland's Bob Welch and Cleveland's Tom Candiott, both allowed two runs in nine innings.

Twins 3, Brewers 1
Ken Hrbek tied the score with his 15th home run with two out in the sixth inning and put the Twins ahead 2-1 with a leadoff shot in the ninth. Winner Allan Anderson yielded four hits and an unearned run in eight innings. Jeff Reardon pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Tigers 5, Mariners 3

Darrell Evans and Chet Lemon homered off Mike Moore in the seventh and Matt Nokes and Pat Sheridan hit consecutive home runs off Rod Scurry in the eighth as Detroit remained 2 games ahead of New York in the AL East.

Yankees 13, Rangers 2

Don Mattingly hit a three-run homer, Jack Clark hit a two-run shot and New York took advantage of 15 hits, seven walks, two wild pitches, four passed balls and a hit batter.

Red Sox 9, Royals 2

Dwight Evans had a single, triple and inside-the-park home run and Wade Boggs had two singles and two doubles in five at-bats, enabling Boston to survive a triple play. Roger Clemens, 12-5, scattered nine hits and struck out eight in eight innings, raising his road record to 9-0.

Results		American League	
Oakland	5	Cleveland	2
Detroit	5	Seattle	3
Chicago	3	Baltimore	1
Minnesota	2	Milwaukee	1
California	11	Toronto	1
Boston	9	Kansas City	2
New York	13	Texas	2
National League			
Chicago	3	San Francisco	2
Cincinnati	5	New York	0
Atlanta	2	Philadelphia	1
Los Angeles	3	St. Louis	3
Montreal	7	Houston	4
San Diego	4	Pittsburgh	3

Younger McEnroe loses in professional debut

BOSTON, July 5. (Reuters): A new McEnroe took centre court on the professional tennis circuit yesterday but it turned out to be a short coming-out party at the \$415,000 US Pro Tournament.

Patrick McEnroe, the younger brother of former world number one John, made his debut a brief one by losing 6-2 6-1 in the first round to fellow-American Jimmy Arias.

Shots

Patrick won \$1,309 for his 73 minutes on court.

McEnroe may not yet have the shots, but there appeared to be no lack of self-confidence despite the defeat.

"Believe it or not I feel encouraged," said McEnroe, who will turn 22 this Thursday. "I know everybody will look at the score and think I got my butt whipped, but I was in the games and controlling points."

A recent graduate of Stanford University, McEnroe's lack of tournament play seemed to be a factor. When it came to the big

points on McEnroe's serves, it was Arias who came through. He broke in six of seven service games.

"There are certain days when you win all the big points," said Arias, who once ranked as high as sixth in the world but now ranks 108. "I actually thought he outplayed me, but I was winning the deuce points."

Upset

Earlier yesterday, American Mark Dickson scored the day's only upset by eliminating 10th seed Pedro Rebelledo of Chile 6-3 6-4.

Rebelledo was unable to hold his own against Dickson's aggressive serve-and-volley game. "I was just happy to be in this tournament considering the way it's been the last few years," said Dickson, who has been plagued by knee injuries.

"To me the most important tournament in the world is the one I am presently in," said Dickson.

Mansell to join Ferrari next season

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): Britain's Nigel Mansell will leave the Williams Formula One team and drive for Ferrari next season, a spokeswoman for the racing driver said today.

"Ferrari will be making an announcement later today and Nigel just wishes to say that he is very happy about the move," the spokeswoman said.

Began

She said Mansell, 33, confirmed an agreement with the Italian manufacturers as he began preparations for next Sunday's British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Mansell's two-year contract with Williams ends this year. He has been having a miserable season without a single top-six finish and rumours that he would move next year have been rife.

Mansell is expected to take over as number one Ferrari driver from Michele Alboreto. The Italian team said yesterday that Alboreto was due to be replaced next season.

Dedicated

Ferrari later confirmed Mansell would be joining Berger in their team.

Company chief Enzo Ferrari had told Michele Alboreto that he appreciated the driver's "loyal and dedicated collaboration" over the past five seasons, a statement said.

Okonski for Aek Athens

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 5. (Reuters): Polish international midfielder Miroslav Okonski is to move from West German first division Hamburg to Aek Athens. Hamburg officials said today.

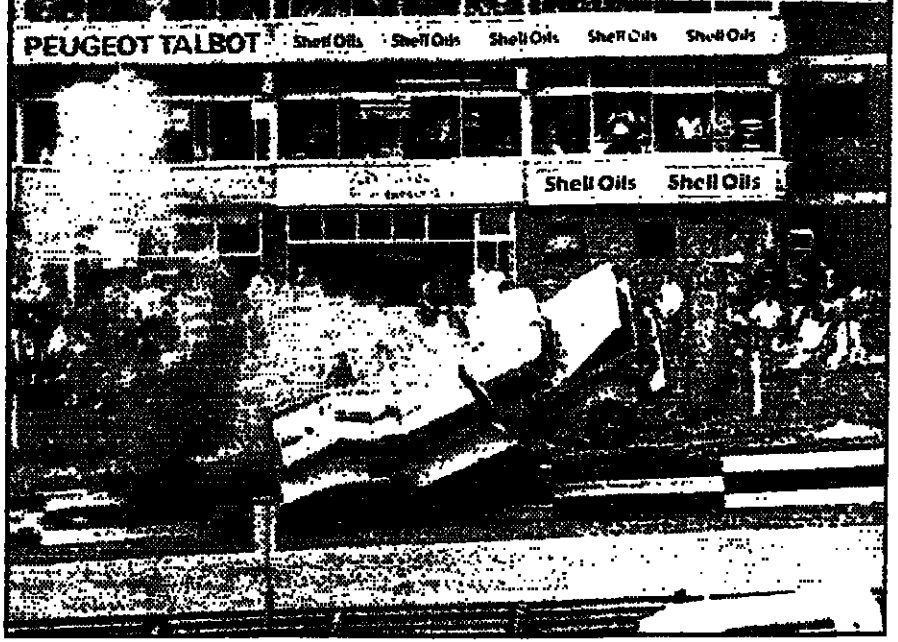
They said Hamburg's new trainer Erich Ribbeck and Aek president Stratos Gidopoulos had agreed on a deal worth more than one million marks (\$550,000).



● Soviet chess world champion, Garry Kasparov (right), plays soccer in a game between a local team and the participants of the chess World Cup in Montbellard, France, yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



● The ninth race in the British Open Truck Racing championship at Brands Hatch in UK was won by George Allen recently. The twenty lap race was completed in 21:0.20.



but not all the competitors made it to the finish line. Above: action shots of the race. (Photos by Colin Taylor Productions.)

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England hold inquest after crushing defeat

MANCHESTER, England, July 5. (AP) — England's cricketers held an inquest at Old Trafford today after caving in to Malcolm Marshall to lose the third Test by an innings and 156 runs.

Marshall took a Test best seven for 22, grabbing five for 12 in 6.4 overs on the last day as England collapsed to 93 all out.

The final seven wickets went down in 12.4 overs for the addition of only 33 runs.

Yet the latest debacle, which put the West Indies 2-0 ahead in the series, left England's management still resisting the idea of sweeping changes.

Team manager Micky Stewart said: "We have had a long talk about the two Tests left in the series. We have been rolled over very heavily in this game but we have tried to look at the positive things and the plus things."

"There will certainly be no panic at all. The attitude of the team could not have been better at the start of this game and the team are still determined now."

A heavy downpour which left pools of water on the outfield failed to save the hosts, descending on Old Trafford just minutes after England's eclipse.

Despite Stewart's fighting words, and captain John Emburey claiming that "morale is not low at all", there will be fresh calls for changes both in the team and at top level.

Asked whether he or any of the other selectors were reconsidering their positions, Stewart said: "No, not at all. The criticism has only come from certain parts of the media and it is important for the continuity of cricket in this country, that it is the opinion of people within the game that counts."

"Otherwise you would play a series using 50 players — and that is not being facetious."

The selectors will not be making a decision on the captaincy until the weekend, but Emburey said: "Obviously, I know it's a match to match basis and I accept that my performances over the last three matches may mean that they might not want to pick me as a player for the next Test at Headingley."

England have now lost 12 of their last 13 Tests against the West Indies, and with two games to play have been shut out of this series.

It is now a record 16 Tests since England last won, and a record 14 since a home victory. Only in 1976, when they were dismissed for 71, also at Old Trafford, have England been bowled out for less by the West Indies.

In his 56th Test, Marshall notched his 13th haul of five wickets or more in an innings. Ambrose nipped in with the wickets of Allan Lamb and Emburey — both caught at short leg fending off similar lifting deliveries.

A crowd of only 951 witnessed one of English cricket's blackest days.

West Indian captain Viv Richards, champagne glass in hand, said: "We knew that with the bad weather about we had to show urgency. The guys responded well and this is a wonderful sign for the future of West Indies cricket."

CARIBBEAN STARS SCORE INNINGS VICTORY

Marshall helps W. Indies destroy England



Marshall: humiliates England

MANCHESTER, England, July 5. (Reuters) — Fast bowler Malcolm Marshall led the West Indies to an innings and 156 runs rout of England in the third cricket Test today.

England added a paltry 33 to their overnight total of 60 for three as Marshall tore through the remaining wickets for his best Test haul of seven for 22.

The result left the visitors with an unbeatable 2-0 advantage in the five-Test series.

England lasted barely an hour on the final day, collapsing to 93 all out — their second lowest total against the West Indies. In the 1976 Test on the same Old Trafford ground, the hosts managed only 71.

Dogged
England's sole respite on the final day was a 15-minute break for rain, but the bad weather, which had dogged much of the match, did not last long enough to save them from Marshall's bombardment.

He claimed five for 12 in his final spell, boosting his haul of victims to 26 in the series and inspired the West Indies to their 12th win in their last 13 Tests against England.

England's collapse in the second innings was even worse than in the first when they mustered 135. The last seven wickets fell in the space of 20 runs.

England have now gone 16 Tests without a win and have not won at home in 14 games — beating the previous longest sequence of 13 between 1974 and 1977.

Former England captain David Gower was the first to fall on the final day, caught at slip from a reckless stroke to Marshall outside his off stump.

Gower had added 10 to his overnight total and departed for 34, the highest total of an innings in which Martyn Moxon was the only other batsman to reach double figures.

Two more wickets went without addition. Marshall dismissed David Capel, caught by substitute Keith Arthurton at silly mid-off for nought, and Curley Ambrose sent back Allan Lamb for nine.

A rearing delivery caught Lamb a painful blow on the glove and shot straight into Gus Logie's hands at short leg.

England captain John Emburey and Paul Downton hoisted the total from 73 for six to 87 before Marshall claimed two more victims in three balls. He removed Downton and then Phillip DeFreitas, who both edged catches to Roger Harper at third slip.

Rain intervened with England at 89 for eight but the stoppage was brief and within seven balls

of the resumption it was all over. Ambrose had Emburey caught by Logie to make it 93 for nine and Marshall fittingly ended the agony, knocking out Graham Dilley's off-stump.

England's demoralised batsmen will not have to face Marshall once the current series ends. "I will give up Test cricket after our series against India next year," he said. "I am not going to tour India and Pakistan again, so it will not be fair to other players to pick and choose my series."

His announcement meant that England will not encounter him when they tour the Caribbean in 1990.

No decision will be made on the England captaincy for the moment. Emburey, who took over when Mike Gatting was sacked, has now lost both his games in charge.

"I have enjoyed it and would like to continue but I can't look too far ahead," he said. "I was appointed on a match-to-match basis and I know it's not permanent. The selectors don't want to pick a man as captain who might not play in the next game."

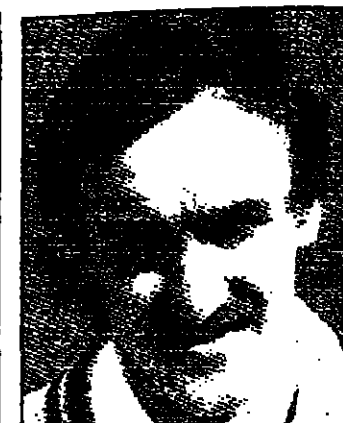
The England team held an hour-long meeting in their dressing room after the defeat. Manager Micky Stewart said: "There will be no panic at all when we come to pick the team for Leeds at the end of next week."

Scoreboard
ENGLAND first innings 135 (C. Walsh four for 46)
WEST INDIES first innings 384 for seven declared (R. Harper 74, J. Dujon 67, G. Dilley four for 99)
ENGLAND second innings (over-
night 60 for three)
G. Gooch lbw b Marshall 1
M. Moxon c Richards b Marshall 15
M. Gatting c Richardson b Marshall 4
D. Gower c Richards b Marshall 34
A. Lamb c Logie b Ambrose 9
D. Capel c sub b Marshall 0
P. Downton c Harper b Marshall 6
J. Emburey c Logie b Ambrose 8
P. DeFreitas c Harper b Marshall 0
G. Dilley b Marshall 4
J. Childs not out 12
Extras (b-1 lb-10 nb-1) 12
Total 93
Fall of wickets: 1-6 2-22 3-36 4-73 5-73 6-73 7-87 8-87 9-93.

Bowling: Marshall 15.4-5-22-7, Ambrose 16.4-36-2, Walsh 4-1-10-0, Benjamin 4-1-6-1, Harper 2-1-4-0, Hooper 1-0-4-0.

Result: West Indies won by an innings and 156 runs.
First Test: Nottingham (Trent Bridge) — match drawn.
Second Test: West Indies won by 134 runs.

Fourth Test: Leeds (Headingley) — July 21 to 26
Fifth Test: London (the Oval) — August 4 to 9
West Indies lead five-match series 2-0.



Tavare's 95 puts Kent in strong position

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters) — Chris Tavaré with 95 put Kent in a strong position to increase their lead at the top of the English County Cricket Championship table as rain prevented play in all but three matches yesterday.

Although he was run out after adding only four to his Saturday score, Tavaré's innings helped Kent to a total of 288 at Hastings and left Sussex needing 217 to avoid an innings defeat after being dismissed for 71 in their first innings.

But Nick Falkner got them off to a steady start with 45 and at the close Sussex had scored 122 for three.

In the brief period that rain permitted play at Northampton, Lancashire added 21 to take their first innings score to 128 without loss in reply to Northants 147. Grame Fowler was unbeaten on 53.

In the only other match in which any play was possible, Brian Hardie reached 50 not out as Essex took their first innings total to 170 for five against Somerset at Taunton.

The 144th Oxford and Cambridge University match at Lord's was abandoned without a ball being bowled over the three days — the weather never let up sufficiently even for the captains to take the toss.

Scores
At Northampton: Northamptonshire 147 in 62.4 overs. Lancashire 128 for no wicket off 40.4 overs (C. Fowler 53 not out).
At Taunton: Essex 170 for five off 51 overs (B. Hardie 50, D. Pringle 42 not out) v Somerset.

At Hastings: Sussex 71 in 34 overs and 122 for three (N. Falkner 45). Kent 288 in 97.3 overs (C. Tavaré 95).

At Headingley: Leicestershire 155 for four (P. Willey 91 not out) v Yorkshire.

At Worcester: No play yesterday. Gloucestershire 188 for two in 63 overs v Worcestershire.

At Derby: No play yesterday. Middlesex 92 for three (A. Needham 41 not out) v Derbyshire.

At the Oval: No play yesterday. Warwickshire 74 in 31.2 overs. Surrey 146 for four.

At Lord's: Oxford University v Cambridge University match abandoned without play.

Risen Star
NEW YORK, July 5. (AP) — Risen Star, the Belmont and Preakness Stakes winner, underwent ultrasound treatment yesterday and will miss the Travers Stakes at Saratoga on Aug 20, trainer Louis Roussel said.

Van Poppel wins third stage of Tour

LE MANS, France, July 5. (Reuters) — Jean-Paul van Poppel of the Netherlands won the third stage of the Tour de France cycle race, 213.5 kms from Nantes to Le Mans, today in a time of four hours 52 minutes eight seconds.

Team van Vliet of the Netherlands retained the race leader's yellow jersey.

Mathieu Hermans, also of the Netherlands, was second and Eric Vanderaerden of Belgium was third.

First
Van Vliet took the lead after the first two stages yesterday of the 21-day, 3,200 kilometre race.

There were two sections of the race yesterday — an individual race in the morning that began from Pontchâteau in western France, won by Steve Bauer of Canada, and a team time trial in the afternoon, taken by the Dutch Panasonic team.

Based on the overall results, Van Vliet, a 26-year-old member of the Panasonic team, gained the

leading position overnight.

The Panasonic team finished 24 seconds ahead of the Weimann La Suisse team in a 48-kilometre team time trial. The Panasonic team's time was 55 minutes, 31 seconds.

Van Vliet was eight seconds behind Bauer in the yesterday morning's stage. Bauer took the 91.5-kilometre course from Pontchâteau to Machecoul in 2:16:34.

By winning intermediate sprints, the Dutchman gained credit for bonus time that had him technically tied with Bauer by the end of the morning.

The American team, 7-11, ended 14th in yesterday's time trial which put team leader Andrew Hampsten more than 1:45 back of the leaders. A member of the team, Bob Roll, was replaced before the tour began by New Zealand's Nathan Dahlberg after roll suffered injuries in a fall on Sunday in the tour's preface.

Van Poppel raises his arms in victory after winning the third stage (Reuters wirephoto).



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UEFA to hear Real appeal next week

GENEVA, July 5. (Reuters) — Spanish champions Real Madrid's appeal against bans on Michel Gonzalez and Hugo Sanchez will be heard on July 13, the European Football Union (UEFA) said today.

Michel was suspended for nine UEFA competition matches for abusing Swiss referee Bruno Galler after Real's European Cup semifinal second leg tie at PSV Eindhoven in April.

The ban would keep him out of Real's entire European Cup campaign next season and could even eliminate him from part of the following season if the club

qualifies for Europe again.

Sanchez was suspended for three matches for the same offence and the club was fined 75,000 Swiss francs (\$50,000).

UEFA press spokesman Ruedi Rothenbuehler said the appeal would be heard in Geneva on the day after the draw for the first round of UEFA's three major club competitions.

Pleas

The appeal board would also consider pleas by Greece and West German club Bayer Leverkusen against punishments handed out in Munich last

month by UEFA's control and disciplinary committee, he said.

UEFA ordered Greece to play their first home tie in next season's under-21 championship qualifiers at a neutral venue after a pitch invasion just before the end of the first leg of the competition's final against France in Athens.

UEFA Cup winners Leverkusen were fined 50,000 Swiss francs (\$33,000) for failing to prevent chaotic scenes in their stadium during a penalty shootout in the second leg of the Cup final against Spanish side Espanol on May 18.

Italian team

LECCO, Italy, July 5. (AP) — Italian veteran Maria Canins will lead a seven-member Italian women's team in the French Cycling Tour, which begins in Strasbourg on Sunday.

The 39-year-old cyclist, who recently won the first edition of the Italian Tour, will be seeking her third triumph in the French road marathon.

Technical director Mario de Dona announced today that the Italian squad will consist of Canins, Roberta, Buonanni, Imelda Chiappa, Monica Bandini, Luisa Seghezzi, Alessandra Cappellotto and Ivana Magro.

Strikers join Blue wings

UNITED GOANS Strikers put on an inspired performance in the second half to thrash Blue Wings 4-0 in the United Goans Soccer Tournament at the Sour Grounds on Friday.

Blue Wings held off the Strikers in the first half and did not allow them to score. The only goal of this half was an own goal.

Combined
Strikers, however, changed the complexion of the game in the second half. Defender Rafiq, John and Clement combined well to keep forwards Salema and

Rosario well supplied with accurate passes

Strikers goals came through Salema, John and Varghese.

In the other matches played on the same day, Santos beat Salcete United 2-0 and Goan Sporting overcame injury-hit New Goans 1-0. In the first match, the goals were scored by Inacio and Agnelo. Carmo scored the only goal for Goan Sporting in the second match.

On Friday, Rising Stars will meet Goan Cultural Association while Starlite face Maroons.

US officials thrilled by World Cup

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5. (Reuters) — Soccer officials around the country were thrilled by word that the 1994 World Cup would be held in the United States and predicted the tournament would have a staggering impact on the sport here.

Former Aberdeen and Scotland goalkeeper Bobby Clark, now the head soccer coach at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, said he was sure the tournament would be a big success.

"I think it will take off, and take off amazingly well," he told Reuters yesterday. "Before there was such a shallow appreciation of the game, no depth of experience among players and coaches about it."

Forced
"I don't think it will go wrong. Soccer is a great game, and people will be forced to take note of it."

Excitement swept through soccer circles with the US Independence Day announcement by the International Football Federation (FIFA) in Zurich that the United States had won out over Morocco and Brazil for the honour to host the tournament.

Joe Robbie, who has been involved with US soccer since 1973 when he owned the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the now-defunct North American Soccer

League (NASL), was ecstatic.

"It will hasten the day in which Americans support both amateur and professional soccer, and we will be competitive at the top level. I think the stimulant of hosting the World Cup will attract the people who know little or nothing about soccer."

"They'll watch it on TV, read about it in the newspaper and be caught up in the national competition involved," said Robbie, owner of the National Football League Miami Dolphins whose 75,000-seat stadium drew rave reviews in April from the International Football Federation (FIFA) inspection committee.

"I think it will help soccer get more of what it needs to grow further," said Larry Austin, national administrator for the United States Youth Soccer Association.

"It means more awareness, more exposure in the media, and for all the young people playing soccer, a much more visible example of possible rewards for their efforts."

Clark, who played the 1976 season in the NASL which folded in 1984, also feels the World Cup can supply a boost to the US national programme and trigger a professional league.

"The (American) players today are better technically and tactically than their counterparts of 10 or 20 years ago," said

Clark. "This will allow us to start a proper professional league, to have another go at it."

Several Americans have gone overseas to pursue professional careers. Striker Brent Goulet played for Bournemouth in the English Second Division last year.

"The World Cup will get the ball rolling to help us establish a league," said Goulet, who is in France with the US national team. "We need our best players to play in front of US fans so children will have American players to identify with."

Paranoid
A note of caution, however, was voiced by Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) Players Association director John Kerr, himself a former professional in Scotland and in the NASL.

"Maybe it's just my paranoid sense," said Kerr, "but I can see newspapers and TV stations running pictures of the Heysel disaster or a riot somewhere and asking people, 'Is this what you want in your backyard?'"

"I think there are a lot of people, not just in the media, who would like to see the World Cup in this country not happen. And they've got all kinds of ammunition to discredit it."

Although the NASL's collapse gave US soccer a black eye, it did serve to inspire young-

sters by offering up the likes of Pele, Franz Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, and Johan Cruyff during its lifetime.

The World Cup could be the next step in creating a foundation of native-born, knowledgeable fans.

"It used to be that when a father took a son or daughter to a soccer game, it was the son telling the father what was going on," said Robbie, who now operates the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the semi-professional American Soccer League.

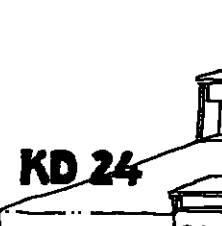
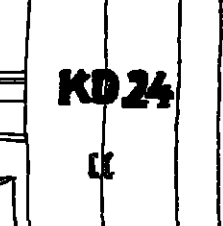

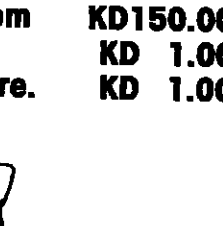
"Now those kids are growing up, and when they're in their 20s or early 30s, they can take their kids to see soccer at the top competitive level. We didn't have that in the NASL days."

"We need to produce a generation of fans, one that can pass down the tradition of soccer to their children, like we have here with football and baseball and the other sports. That's when soccer will truly arrive, and take its place in America."

Goulet said the World Cup would be a certain step in the right direction.

"The World Cup will open the eyes of the American fans. When they see what a spectacle it is — when they see all the great teams in the world playing here — they will appreciate soccer and want to go out and learn more about the game."

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